

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
Calumet Council No. 152  
P.O. Box 3230  
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Munster, Indiana 46321

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## HISTORY OF THE CALUMET COUNCIL

THE SCOUTING MOVEMENT WAS INCORPORATED ON FEBRUARY 8, 1910, UNDER THE LAWS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BY W. B. BOYCE OF CHICAGO. LESS THAN A YEAR LATER, WITH ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING PREPARATIONS COMPLETED, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN NEW YORK CITY, WITH SEVEN EMPLOYEES, BY NEWLY DESIGNATED CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE JAMES E. WEST. THREE OF THE SEVEN EMPLOYEES WERE KNOWN AS RAILROAD EXECUTIVES AND HAD THE ASSIGNMENT OF TRAVELING OUT OF NEW YORK CITY ON THE MAIN LINE RAILROADS, STOPPING AT EACH MAJOR CITY FOR A MONTH OR SO, TO ORGANIZE A SCOUT COUNCIL. SINCE ALL RAILROADS GENERALLY LEAD TO AND THROUGH CHICAGO, THE CHICAGO COUNCIL WAS AMONG THE FIRST ORGANIZED.

SO INGENIOUS, HOWEVER, WAS THE BOY SCOUT SCHEME AS DEVELOPED BY THE FOUNDER, LORD BADEN-POWELL, THAT EVEN BEFORE SCOUT COUNCILS WERE ORGANIZED, SCOUT TROOPS BEGAN SPRINGING UP ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. BY THE END OF 1911 THERE ALREADY WERE 61,000 BOYS AND ADULTS ACTIVE IN SCOUTING.

A "FIRST CLASS" CHARTER WAS ISSUED TO THE LOCAL COUNCIL THE NEXT DAY. "FIRST CLASS" MEANT THAT THE COUNCIL HAD SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO EMPLOY A SCOUT EXECUTIVE; WHILE A "SECOND CLASS" COUNCIL WAS GRANTED A CHARTER, BUT NO PROFESSIONAL WAS EMPLOYED AND THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNCIL WERE ADMINISTERED BY VOLUNTEERS WITH THE TITLE OF COUNCIL COMMISSIONERS. "SECOND CLASS" COUNCILS EXISTED IN AMERICA FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS ALTHOUGH THROUGH CONSOLIDATION, THE NUMBER DWINDLED RAPIDLY FOLLOWING THE DEPRESSION OF 1930. THE WHITING COUNCIL, REFERRED TO LATER, EXISTED THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY AS A "SECOND CLASS" COUNCIL.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE CHICAGO SUBURBS BEGAN SPRINGING UP AND THE SUBURBAN RAILROAD LINES WERE ESTABLISHED AS SPOKES OF A WHEEL FROM THE CHICAGO LOOP. VARIOUS COUNCILS WERE ESTABLISHED ALONG THESE SPOKES, THE FIRST BEING THE WEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL NOW HEADQUARTERED AT LA GRANGE.

HARVEY AND CHICAGO HEIGHTS HAD SEPARATE SCOUT COUNCILS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THEY EVENTUALLY MERGED TO FORM THE POTAWATOMI TRAILS COUNCIL WITH A SCOUT OFFICE ROTATING EACH YEAR BETWEEN HARVEY AND CHICAGO HEIGHTS.

THE SAUK TRAILS COUNCIL, HEADQUARTERED AT GARY, WAS CHARTERED ON FEBRUARY 19, 1916, JUST 10 YEARS AFTER THE CITY OF GARY WAS ESTABLISHED. THE HAMMOND COUNCIL WAS ORGANIZED WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF L. T. MEYER TEN MONTHS LATER. ON APRIL 1, 1938, THE HAMMOND COUNCIL AND THE WHITING COUNCIL JOINED HANDS TO BECOME KNOWN AS THE POKAGON COUNCIL.

IN THE FALL OF 1943, THE POTAWATOMI TRAILS COUNCIL, WITH HEADQUARTERS THEN IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS, WAS WITHOUT A SCOUT EXECUTIVE BECAUSE OF MANPOWER SHORTAGE DUE TO WORLD WAR II, AND A MERGER WAS CONSUMMATED WITH POKAGON FORMING THE POKAGON TRAILS COUNCIL WITH HEADQUARTERS AT HAMMOND. THE NEW COUNCIL WAS ACTIVATED ON JANUARY 1, 1944.

DURING THE EARLY 1940'S, AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE BOY SCOUTS RENDERED WAR SERVICE BY COLLECTING TONS OF SALVAGEABLE MATERIALS FOR REUSE IN THE WAR EFFORTS. THE BOY SCOUTS SERVED AS OFFICIAL DISPATCH BEARERS FOR GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS AND POSTERS, BOY SCOUTS GREW WAR GARDENS ALL OVER AMERICA TO EARN THE GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR MEDAL AND COLLECTED THOUSANDS OF TONS OF WASTEPAPER TO EARN THE GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER AWARD.

SCOUT DISTRICTS, AS WE GENERALLY KNOW THEM TODAY, WERE ORGANIZED IN THE LATE 1930'S, BUT GENERALLY WERE NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE END OF WORLD WAR II WHEN A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF MEN RETURNED FROM EUROPE AND ASSISTED IN SERVING AS DISTRICT EXECUTIVES, THEN CALLED FIELD EXECUTIVES.

THE TWIN CITY COUNCIL, WHICH INCLUDED EAST CHICAGO AND INDIANA HARBOR, WAS CHARTERED IN 1920.

EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE THE RESOURCES OF THE POKAGON TRAILS, THE SAUK TRAILS, AND THE TWIN CITY COUNCILS, BEGAN IN THE EARLY 1960'S. IN JANUARY 1967, POKAGON TRAILS AND SAUK TRAILS COUNCILS JOINED HANDS TO FORM THE CALUMET COUNCIL, BECOMING THE FIFTH LARGEST COUNCIL IN REGION 7. IN APRIL, 1970, THE TWIN CITY COUNCIL JOINED THE CALUMET COUNCIL.

WITH THE MERGER OF HAMMOND AND GARY, THE ILLINOIS-INDIANA STATE LINE BECAME THE GEOGRAPHIC CENTER OF THE COUNCIL; AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE OFFICE IN GARY WAS CLOSED, ROBERT J. WELSH, WHO SERVED FOR TEN YEARS AS THE SAUK TRAILS COUNCIL PRESIDENT, DONATED THE FUNDS NEEDED TO BUILD THE BOY SCOUT CENTER NOW LOCATED IN MUNSTER. THE CENTER WAS DEDICATED TO MR. WELSH IN FEBRUARY, 1963. AFTER SEEING HIS DREAM COMPLETED, MR. WELSH SUCCUMBED TO HEART FAILURE THE FOLLOWING OCTOBER. THE FURNISHINGS OF THE OFFICE WERE PROVIDED BY MR. AND MRS. HERBERT J. ROWE IN MEMORY OF HER FATHER, LESLIE MUTER.

WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO ASSEMBLE A LISTING OF THE FORMER COUNCIL PRESIDENTS OF THE PREDECESSOR COUNCILS FOR THE CALUMET COUNCIL. A PARTIAL LIST INCLUDES ROBERT J. WELSH, ESKIL T. ESKILSON, BANCROFT YARRINGTON, AND DR. H. A. LAUTZ.

AT THE TIME OF THE MERGER OF GARY AND HAMMOND, EDWARD T. MITCHELL WAS PRESIDENT OF THE SAUK TRAILS COUNCIL AND HERBERT T. ROWE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE POKAGON TRAILS COUNCIL. MR. ROWE REMAINED AS PRESIDENT OF THE CALUMET COUNCIL FOR TWO MORE YEARS. AT THE TIME OF THE ENTRY OF THE TWIN CITY COUNCIL INTO THE CALUMET COUNCIL, E. M. LEBRYK WAS PRESIDENT OF EAST CHICAGO AND JAMES M. TURNER WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CALUMET COUNCIL. MR. TURNER REMAINED PRESIDENT OF THE CALUMET COUNCIL UNTIL JUNE, 1971, WHEN PAUL J. PRITCHARD WAS ELECTED COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

RAYMOND J. DONOVAN SERVED AS SCOUT EXECUTIVE OF THE HAMMOND COUNCIL, LATER THE POKAGON COUNCIL, FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS BEFORE RETIRING AT THE END OF 1959. HE WAS SUCCEDED BY S. D. WARNER IN 1959. THREE YEARS LATER, CLYDE M. CLARK, WHO HAD BEEN SERVING AS A DEPUTY REGIONAL EXECUTIVE, ASSUMED THE SCOUT EXECUTIVE-SHIP AND SERVED UNTIL THE END OF 1970 WHEN HE BECAME NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF RELATIONS FOR THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. RALPH G. CLARKE ESTABLISHED THE SAUK TRAILS COUNCIL AND SERVED AS SCOUT EXECUTIVE FOR OVER 45 YEARS. HE WAS SUCCEDED BY WILLIAM J. SHOEMACHER WHO SERVED UNTIL 1965 WHEN HE RESIGNED. H. R. MESSERSCHMIDT BECAME THE SCOUT EXECUTIVE OF THE TWIN CITY COUNCIL IN 1953 AND SERVED FOR 13 YEARS AT WHICH TIME HE BECAME ASSISTANT SCOUT EXECUTIVE OF THE CALUMET COUNCIL. HE WAS REPLACED BY DALE McGRAW WHO SERVED AS SCOUT EXECUTIVE UNTIL APRIL, 1970, WHEN HE JOINED THE NATIONAL STAFF. LANE R. BAKER WAS SELECTED SCOUT EXECUTIVE, CALUMET COUNCIL, IN JANUARY, 1971.

THE SCOUT COUNCIL, HEADQUARTERED IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS, POSSESSED THE CAMP IN THE STEGER, ILLINOIS, AREA WHICH WAS USED UNTIL 1960 WHEN IT WAS SOLD BECAUSE OF THE SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT AROUND ITS PERIMETER. THE FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE SALE WERE USED TO PURCHASE 120 ACRES OF LAND JUST SOUTH OF THE KANKAKEE RIVER AND ALSO FOR THE PURCHASE OF ZELMER ADDITION TO CAMP BETZ IN MICHIGAN. THE ADDITIONAL ACRES OF CAMP BETZ WERE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE ESTATE OF FRANK S. BETZ. THE ORIGINAL CAMP, SAUK TRAILS, OF THE GARY COUNCIL, WAS SOLD IN EARLY 1967 TO THE BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION. THESE FUNDS WERE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF 800 ACRES OF LAND FOR FUTURE CAMP DEVELOPMENT IN OREGON, ILLINOIS. IN 1969, THE ANDERSON FOUNDATION IN GARY PURCHASED FOR THE SCOUTS OF THE COUNCIL A TRACT OF LAND NEAR NEW CARLISLE, INDIANA, FOR CAMP JOHN WILL ANDERSON.

IN 1971, REDISTRICTING WAS COMPLETED. THE FIRST MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD WAS AWARDED TO J. DAVID CARR. TWO DISTINGUISHED EAGLE AWARDS WERE PRESENTED -- ONE TO HERBERT J. ROWE AND ONE TO JAMES M. TURNER. THE COUNCIL WON THE SPENCER AWARD.

IN 1972 ED LARSON WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD. IN 1973 JAMES M. TURNER WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

IN 1972-73 THE CALUMET COUNCIL CONDUCTED A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JAMES TURNER AND OVER \$1,500,000 WAS RAISED. OREGON WAS SOLD AND CAMP KIRKLAND PURCHASED.

IN 1973 175 BOYS ATTENDED THE TWO NATIONAL JAMBOREES.

1974, MORRIS BESCHLOSS RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED EAGLE AWARD.

1974, PIONEER YEAR OF CAMPING AT KISHWAUKEE RESERVATION.

SELF-RELIANT CAMP OPENED.

WILLIAM WRIGHT SCOUT RESERVATION SOLD.

1975, DINING HALL CAMP COMPLETED AND OPENED AT KISHWAUKEE RESERVATION

PEOPLE WHO HAVE ADDITIONAL FACTS CONCERNING THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE COUNCIL ARE URGED TO SEND SUCH INFORMATION TO THE SCOUT EXECUTIVE FOR FUTURE UPDATING OF THE COUNCIL HISTORY.

CALUMET COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

PAST PRESIDENTS

*LeGrand T. Meyer	
*Dr. G. L. Smith	
Henry Heideman	
*Ralph C. Pierce	
*Dr. R. O. Ostrowski	
*Rex L. Hidy	1 - 1934 to 1 - 1939
Donald D. Hoover	1 - 1939 to 1 - 1940
*Henry P. Kuehl	1 - 1940 to 9 - 1945
*Paul Keen	9 - 1945 to 9 - 1947
Emil Krejci	9 - 1947 to 9 - 1950
Arthur Ahrendt	9 - 1950 to 9 - 1952
*Joe R. Swingle	9 - 1952 to 9 - 1956
Abe Davis	9 - 1956 to 6 - 1961
Dr. Herbert A. Lautz	6 - 1961 to 6 - 1964
Herbert J. Rowe	6 - 1964 to 6 - 1968
James M. Turner	6 - 1968 to 6 - 1971
Paul J. Pritchard	6 - 1971 to 6 - 1974
Richard H. Leet	6-1974

\*Deceased

Calumet Area  
Newcomers Club

January 2, 1976

Mrs. Alene Cross  
725 Broadmoor  
Munster, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Cross,

Calumet Area Newcomer's Club was formed for the purpose of helping women who have experienced difficulties in making changes of residence. By social and cultural means, it helps them to identify themselves with their new community and stimulate new associations and friendships.

Having this purpose in mind, Mrs. Robert Wellstead, with the help of Mrs. Roy Beck, a representative from the YWCA Board, organized the Hammond Newcomer's Club in the summer of 1947.

The Hammond Newcomer's Alumnae Club, consisting of charter and active members of the original club was formed in the spring of 1951. Newcomer members automatically become eligible for membership in the Alumnae group after three years in the parent club.

In September 1972, by vote of both clubs, the name was changed to Calumet Area Newcomer's Club to include the larger area now served by the clubs.

Any woman residing in the area for one year or less is eligible for membership. Applicants for membership who have resided in the area for a longer period of time must have the approval of the Executive Board.

Following is a list of the founder and all past presidents :

Mrs. Roy Beck, Sr. - Founder 1947

Presidents :

Mrs. Robert Wellstead - 1947-48  
Mrs. William Schumann - 1948-49  
Mrs. Donald Ingold ---- 1949-50  
Mrs. John Hopkins ----- 1950-51  
Mrs. William Cisna ----- 1951-52  
Mrs. Robert Mueller --- 1952-53  
Mrs. George Boisse ----- 1953-54  
Mrs. Richard Dunning -- 1954-55  
Mrs. Harold Koenig ---- 1955-56  
Mrs. Lee Weaver ----- 1956

Calumet Area  
Newcomers Club

Presidents, continued :

Mrs. W. R. Hertwig ---- 1957  
Mrs. M. A. Self ----- 1957-58  
Mrs. Myron Weinstein -- 1958-59  
Mrs. Robert Hamilton -- 1959-60  
Mrs. Dean Monaghan ---- June 1960 to January 1961  
Mrs. Wayne Booker ----- February 1961 to June 1961  
Mrs. William Mitchell - 1961-62  
Mrs. Roger Timm ----- 1962-63  
Mrs. John Wasson ----- 1963-64  
Mrs. Robert Bell ----- 1964-65  
Mrs. Gordon Solomonson -1965-66  
Mrs. A. J. Walton ----- 1966-67  
Mrs. Roy Beck, Jr. ---- 1967-68  
Mrs. Arsay Shelia ----- 1968-69  
Mrs. Donald Kewenig --- 1969-70  
Mrs. Jacob Ferro ----- 1970-71  
Mrs. Roger Moore ----- 1971-72  
Mrs. John Rubasky ----- 1972-73  
Mrs. David Baldwin ---- 1973-74  
Mrs. Oral Kozeny ----- 1974-75  
Mrs. J.Terrill Montgomery - 1975-76

If you have any further questions, please call me. My number  
is 838-8104.

Very truly yours,

*Loris Montgomery*  
President  
Calumet Area Newcomer's Club

1432 Kraft Drive

Munster

## THE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Much has been accomplished since that day during the "Big Snow of 1967" when 200 women (most of whom applied for charter membership) attended the 1st formal organizational meeting of The Community Hospital Auxiliary. This was a "coffee" at the Woodmar Country Club, sponsored by The Founder's Committee on February 1st of that year.

The Auxiliary was a project of The Munster Medical Research Foundation which was formed to help build The Community Hospital in Munster. The founding members were Mrs. Edwin Stephan, Mrs. Angelo Bertagnolli and Mrs. David Taylor of Munster, and Mr. P.Q. Row, Mrs. Robert Beconovich and Mrs. Hugh Carroll of Hammond.

The charter members met March 7, 1967, to elect permanent officers and to plan activities. The original officers were:

Mrs. John Connor, Pres.

Mrs. J.K. Beckman, Vice Pres.

Mrs. Angelo Bertagnolli, Treas.

Mrs. Edgar Peglow, Record. Sec.

Mrs. Roy Jabaay, Corres. Sec.

The purpose of the Auxiliary, according to the Manual, is:

"to render service to The Community Hospital and its patients through ways approved or proposed by the governing board of the hospital. The primary functions of the Auxiliary are: (a.) Public relations activities which will bring greater community interest and understanding to the hospital; (b.) Volunteer services for the hospital which may include services done for the hospital either inside or outside its walls; (c) Fund raising for the hospital through various approved ways."

Before the hospital was built the monthly Auxiliary meetings were held at the Unity Church on River Drive in Hammond. The first meeting to be held at the hospital was on October 16, 1973.

It was a proud day for members of the Auxiliary, who had worked long and hard to help bring it about, when the hospital was dedicated on August 26, 1973. After the ceremonies, members of the Auxiliary conducted tours through the hospital.

When the first patient entered the hospital on September 7th an Auxiliary member was at the reception desk to greet him, and others were ready for customers in the "Red Garter Shoppe" in the hospital lobby. Thus began a very important part of the work of the Auxiliary, the Volunteer program. A Volunteer program was begun in the summer of 1974 for teen-agers 16 and over. There are presently 156 people (not all Auxiliary members) who volunteer their time on a regular basis at the hospital. They greet patients and visitors at the reception desk and provide patient escort service, they work in the gift shop as buyers and sales clerks, and they assist the patients and nurses in various ways on the patient floors. More than 57,000 volunteer hours had been contributed in the hospital by May of 1976, and many volunteers have "100-hour," "500-hour," and "1,000-hour" service award pins in recognition of their participation. The Director of Volunteers (Jean Lautz) and the Gift Shop Co-ordinator (Linda Johnson) are both members of the Auxiliary, and both volunteer their time for these demanding jobs.

Another important part of the work of the Auxiliary is fund-raising. There are three major money-making activities during the year, proceeds of which go to the hospital. One of these is a Card-O-Rama tournament played throughout the year. Another is the pre-Christmas "Holidays Are For Sharing" event, which is a box luncheon in various

area homes, followed by a style show in the Munster High School auditorium. The third major event is the Spring gala known as "Red Garter Nite," a dinner dance with an original musical show, which has been held at St. Michael's hall in Hammond, and at the Saint Constantine and Helen hall in Merrillville. To date, the Auxiliary has donated \$150,000.00 to The Community Hospital.

In 1969 Mrs. Karl E. Fick was awarded an "Outstanding Member" award. The award, now known as the "CHA Volunteer of the Year" award, has since been awarded annually at the Anniversary Luncheon in February. Roen Speroff was the winner in 1970, Marion Andrews in 1971, Jan Compton in 1972, Barbara Connor in 1973, Shirley Frye in 1974, Ellen Nickoloff in 1975, and Shirley Martin in 1976.

Past Presidents of the Auxiliary are:	Barbara Connor	1967-1969
	Phyllis Leet	1969-1970
	Diana Markey	1970-1971
	Roen Speroff	1971-1972
	Marion Andrews	1972-1973
	Shirley Martin	1973-1974
	Jan Compton	1974-1975
	Connie Beucus	1975-1976

At the present time there are more than 400 members in the Auxiliary. Membership is open to all persons who are interested in The Community Hospital. Officers are President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors consists of the officers, the immediate past president, and the chairmen of all standing committees - Finance, Membership, Program, Public Relations, Gift Shop, Special Projects, Volunteer Service, and Policy.

The regular monthly meetings are held at the hospital, 901 MacArthur Drive in Munster, at 1:30 PM on the third Tuesday of the month from September through June (excluding December). The May meeting is the Annual Meeting at which new officers are elected. The fiscal year is from June 1st to May 31st.

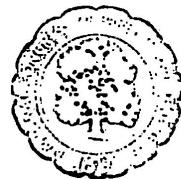
The Auxiliary is a member of the Northwest Area of the Indiana Hospital Auxiliaries Association.

Officers for 1975-76 were; Connie Beucus, President  
 Sarah Wenthal, 1st Vice-President  
 Pat Mazanek, 2nd Vice-President  
 Judy McKinney, Recording Secretary  
 Jeanne Manley, Corresponding Secretary  
 Lynn Krumrei, Treasurer

Officers for 1976-77 are: Sarah Wenthal, President  
 Pat Mazanek, 1st Vice-President  
 Judy McKinney, 2nd Vice-President  
 Pat Baldwin, Recording Secretary  
 Virginia Spence, Corresponding Secretary  
 Lynn Krumrei, Treasurer

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Virginia Spence  
 Publicity ('75-'76)  
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## FRANK H. HAMMOND SCHOOL PTA

1301 Fram-Lin Parkway  
Munster, Indiana 46321

April 17, 1976

Ms. Alene Cross  
Munster Historical Society  
725 Broadmoor  
Munster, Indiana 46321

Dear Ms. Cross:

As requested by your president, Mr. Jerry Gillespie, I have compiled the following historical data on our organization:

The Frank H. Hammond School P.T.A. was formed in the spring of 1969. Its objectives have always been to promote the welfare of children in the home, school and community; and to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children the highest advantage in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

The first president of the association during the school year 1969-70 was Mr. Richard Johnson; the vice-president, Mrs. Hammermann; the secretary, Mrs. Leonhardt, and the treasurer, Mrs. Lynch.

During succeeding years, the presiding officers were the following:

1970-71	Mr. Joel Levy
1971-72	Mr. Dennis King
1972-73	Mrs. Shirley Fehring
1973-74	Mrs. Audrey Hager
1974-75	Mrs. Kathie Lazerwitz
1975-76	Mrs. Shelly Ensley

The election of new officers having taken place on April 13, I am pleased to inform you that I, Sandy Goldsmith, will serve as president during the school year 1976-77. Those serving with me are:

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Vice-President	Mrs. Georgia Hajduch
Secretary	Mrs. Karen Cook
Treasurer	Mrs. Sharon Johnson

Through the years, there have been many additions to the executive board of the association, such as the establishment of various committees for the purpose of aiding the teachers in registration, library work, office work and holiday parties.

Bus transportation is handled through our P.T.A. An annual teachers' luncheon is held at the beginning of the school year. A monthly school newsletter has been in existence for three years. Identification tags have been made available to the students. Artwork is brought into the classroom monthly through P.T.A. efforts and funding. There has been formation of parent-discussion groups. Money has been allocated for annual student entertainment.

During the past year, the Frank H. Hammond School has been the recipient of a costly parking lot and driveway revamping -- this due to tremendous effort on the part of our 1974-75 P.T.A. executive board. A traffic guard for the corner of Fran-Lin and Chestnut, and chicken-wire for the bridge at that location, were acquired as well.

Through various ways and means projects, the association has purchased such items as a kiln for the art department (1970), a sidewalk (1972), record players for the Kindergarten (1972), a puppet stage (1972), football goal posts (1972), a refrigerator (1973), and gymnastic equipment (1973-74).

Our expenditures this year include art equipment, sheet music, mini-baskets and adapters for the gymnasium, playground equipment and bicycle racks, and Bicentennial displays.

Thank you for your interest in the Frank H. Hammond School P.T.A.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Sandy Goldsmith  
Secretary (1975-76)

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MUNSTER

The Munster League of Women Voters was organized in 1967 as an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the U.S. and the League of Women Voters of Indiana. The purpose of the organization is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. This involves studying and taking action on local, state and federal governmental measures and policies. The League does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

The nucleus of women organizing the Munster League was a group of Munster citizens who had been members of the Hammond Area League of Women Voters. The Hammond League was one of the first local leagues established in the U.S. after the ratification of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920, giving women the right to vote. The founder of the national league was an active women's suffragette who felt that women, having gained the right to vote, now had the responsibility to vote in an informed and intelligent manner. Since 1974 the League membership is open to men citizens of voting age as well as women.

The first officers of the Munster League were as follows:

president, Mrs. Hugh Bisbec; 1st vice-president, Mrs. William McMunn;  
2nd vice-president, Mrs. George Kurteff; secretary, Mrs. William Garmus;  
treasurer, Mrs. Horst Schneider.

Mrs. William Garmus presided for the next term, 1969-1971;

Mrs. Ted (Ann) Tom, 1971-1973;

Mrs. Francis (Sue) Sazama, 1973-1975;

Mrs. Leonard (Cecile) Guzlar is the current president, 1975-1977.

The first local project of all beginning leagues is a "Know your Town" booklet. This was completed in the first year of the Munster League and distributed widely in the community. It is a continuing project that is periodically updated. Also, each year the League prepares a directory of all town officials.

As a reflection of their environmental concerns, the members of the League initiated a project called "Can-paign". This involved a town-wide collection of tin cans at several depositories. Although the project was very successful, it had to be discontinued when the costs of the pick-up by the disposal company became prohibitive.

Another environmental improvement sought by the League was a separation of newspapers from regular garbage to be picked up by the town facilities, and to be sold for recycling. The League developed and conducted a pilot program in an area of Munster. Upon evaluation of the data prepared by the League, the town officials turned down the proposal as too costly. However, as an outgrowth of the work done on this project, the League in conjunction with the Munster Ministerial Association initiated a citizen committee that has developed and maintained a voluntary recycling center at the Nike Site. This continues to be supported by the Munster League of Women Voters.

The most recent local study item dealt with considering city government as an alternative to existing town government. The results of a town-wide survey and League survey were overwhelmingly in favor of keeping town government.

Since its inception, the Munster League has sponsored several voter service projects. There have been candidates' meetings for the public for all town elections as well as state and county elections. Candidates' questionnaires, dealing with biographical as well as issue-oriented information, have been prepared and made available for publication and distribution. Trips to the state legislature for high school students have been organized and sponsored by the League. Publications are provided to the library and schools on a continuing basis.

Each year the League conducts a finance drive within the community to help with the cost of these various projects. Businesses and individuals have responded generously.

In addition to all the local government concerns on their program, all leagues have a responsibility to consider state and national program items adopted at the respective conventions.

In the 1920's just after the founding of the league some of the national study items included; child welfare, education, inflation, public health, and the status of women. The present national program lists the following; representative government, environmental quality, land use, international relations, human resources, and energy.

On the state level, Indiana leagues are presently considering justice and the courts with an emphasis on the juvenile justice system, taxes and local school finance, Indiana election laws, and local government structure.

The first process in dealing with a program item on any level is an in-depth study by all local leagues. This is followed by a member agreement spelling out a position of support of the conclusions from the study. The final phase involves action by the membership to effect legislation for the development of their proposals.

The members of the League of Women Voters of Munster hope to continue to be a force for good government in their community, state and nation.

MUNSTER BAND AND ORCHESTRA PARENTS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENTS AND TERMS

1969	- - - - -	Mrs. George Bourne
1970	- - - - -	Mrs. Robert Eidam
1971	- - - - -	Mrs. Edgar Peglow
1972	- - - - -	Mrs. Jack Bussert
1973	- - - - -	Mrs. James Patlyek
1974	- - - - -	Mr. Richard Copeland
1975	- - - - -	Mrs. Stanley Kulesa

# Munster Historical Society

PROUD OF OUR HERITAGE

February 12, 1976

Munster Band & Orchestra  
Parents Assoc.  
Mrs. Marian Kulesa  
P. O. Box 3084  
Munster, Ind.

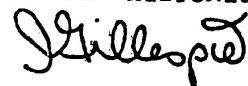
Dear Mrs. Kulesa:

As requested in our previous letter dated September 8, 1975, the Munster Historical Society would appreciate your giving us a history of your local organization for a permanent historical record of our town. Please send us information such as: year formed, why formed, first president and officers, all presidents and dates of terms, achievements and goals. All historical data and pictures would be welcome. Please respond by April 30, 1976.

The information may be sent to Alene Cross at 725 Broadmoor, Munster, Indiana; her phone number is 836-4313 if you have any questions. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

MUNSTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Jerry Gillespie  
President

I'm sorry the information is so sketchy. Their records are mostly minutes from meetings. The constitution seems to tell most of it.

November 20, 1959

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Munster Band Parents Association.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purposes of this association shall be:

1. To promote musical culture in the schools.
2. To arouse civic interest in the school band.
3. to help provide funds for the instrumental musical activities of the school.
4. To develop a spirit of cooperation between the school authorities, the Munster Parent Teacher Association, and the parents of band members.

ARTICLE III - Membership

1. Membership in this association shall be open to parents and guardians of all instrumental music students of the Munster Public Schools.

2. The Band Director shall be a member.

3.

ARTICLE IV - Meetings

1. Two regular meetings will be held - one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Other meetings called by the President if necessary.

2. Quorum - Eight members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V - Officers and their Election

1. Officers of this association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

2. Executive Board shall consist of the above officers, and the committee chairmen.

3. The nominating committee shall present a slate of officers to be voted on at the Spring meeting, and those new officers shall take office in September. Term of Office is to run from September to December.

ARTICLE VI - Duties of Officers and Board

1. The duties of the Executive Board will be to plan, coordinate, and administer the work of the association as a whole.

2. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, shall have general supervision of its work, and may sit on the Parent Teachers Association Board. The President shall appoint all necessary committee heads.

3. The Vice-President shall assist the President, shall preside in the absence of the President, or by the President's request, and shall perform any other specific duties assigned.

4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board.
5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep careful account of all money of the Association; shall use a bank account in the name of the Association; and after the Board's approval, shall pay all bills promptly.

APPENDIX VII - Committees

The President shall appoint the chairman of the following committees, who shall in turn select the necessary number of members for the committee.

1. Auditing: To report on the financial books at the Spring meeting.
2. Ways and Means: To work with the cooperation of the Executive Board on such projects as are determined necessary.
3. Calling: Shall make all telephone calls as instructed by the Board.
4. Nominating: Shall present a slate of officers at the Spring Meeting.
5. Uniforms: Shall assume all duties pertaining to the distribution, cleaning and sterilization of uniforms; also, the collection of cleaning fees before uniforms are issued in the Fall.

APPENDIX VIII - Amendments

The Constitution may be amended at any meeting by a majority vote.

August 1970

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

This organization shall be known as the Munster Band and Orchestra Parents Association.

### ARTICLE II

#### Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be:

1. To raise funds for the uniforming of the band and orchestra, travel and other requests of the band and orchestra as voted by the Association.
2. To develop a spirit of co-operation between the school authorities, P.T.A., Munster High School Booster Club, and the Parents of band and orchestra members.
3. To arouse civic interest in the school band and orchestra.
4. To promote fellowship among the members of the Association.

### ARTICLE III

#### Membership and Dues

1. Membership in this Association shall be open to parents, guardians and all interested persons in the Community.
2. Active membership dues, with voting privileges are \$1.00 per family annually.
3. Memberships are due at the first business meeting of the school year. Any member paying dues after the Spring business meeting shall be considered an active member the following year.
4. The instrumental music department instructors and the Principals of the Middle School and Senior High School shall be non dues paying, voting members.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Meetings

1. Two regular, general membership meetings will be held annually. One in the Fall and one in the Spring. Other meetings may be called by the President or at the request of the instrumental music instructors or Principals.
2. Quorum - Twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
3. Executive Board meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President or upon the request of the Band or Orchestra Director or Principals.

### ARTICLE V

#### Officers and their Election

1. Officers of this Association shall be President, Band Vice-President, Orchestra Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The Executive Board shall consist of the above officers, Middle and Senior High School Principals, instrumental music Instructors and either the Chairman or Co-chairman of each committee.
3. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers to be voted on at the Spring meeting. Term of office is to run from June 1st to May 31st of the following school year. To be eligible for an office a member must have a child participating in the instrumental music department.
4. No member shall hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years

## CONSTITUTION Cont'd.

ARTICLE VI

## Duties of Officers and Board

1. The duties of the Executive Board shall be to plan, coordinate, and administer the work of the Association as a whole. In the event of a resignation of any officer, that office shall be filled by an appointment of the Executive Board.
2. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, and may sit on the Parent Teachers Association Board. The President shall appoint all necessary committee heads and is an ex-officio member of all committees.
3. The Band Vice-President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees pertaining to Band activities.
4. The Orchestra Vice-President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees pertaining to Orchestra activities. One of the Vice-Presidents shall preside in the absence of the President or upon the request of the President.
5. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board.
6. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on all correspondence of the Association.
7. The Treasurer shall receive and keep careful account of all monies raised by the Association, shall use a bank account in the name of the Association; and with the Board's approval, shall pay promptly all bills incurred by the Association.

ARTICLE VII

## Committees

The President shall appoint the Chairman of the following Committees, who shall in turn select the necessary number of members for the committee.

1. Fund Raising Project: shall plan and carry out any fund raising project decided upon by the Executive Board.
2. Calling: shall make all telephone calls as instructed by the Board.
3. Concert Committee: shall be responsible for distribution of tickets and collection of money from ticket sales.
4. Nominating: shall present a slate of officers at the Spring meeting.
5. Uniform: shall assume all duties pertaining to the distribution, cleaning and storing of uniforms.
6. Publicity: shall be responsible for keeping the Band and Orchestra activities before the public in all news media possible.
7. Volunteer: shall be responsible for scheduling and coordinating volunteer help on projects or upon an instructors request.

ARTICLE VIII

## Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendments have been given previous to the meeting.

MUNSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thought maybe a brief history of the Fire Department would be of interest to some who are not fully acquainted with it's History, which indirectly led to the Organizing of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Town of Munster was first Incorporated in 1907 and the means of communicating a fire alarm was a phone call to the Town Marshall who would summon help by a Siren, those within responded to his call for help. At this time the male population were farmers and a few business men.

As the Town did not have Municipal Water Supply, those responding used whatever water source was at hand which were generally wells, cisters and if lucky a water-filled ditch. Water from the wells and cisterns had to be pumped by hand. This system fire fighting was in used until 1924 when the Municipal Water Supply was installed.

On May 28, 1925, the Munster Volunteer Fire Department was organized with 20 men volunteering their services without compensation. Of the original 20 men, one is still active, he is Cornelius VanderVaart who will be observing 50 years of continued services with the Department on May 28, 1975.

In 1925 first piece of equipment was purchased, a Hose Cart with 500' of hose drawn by a Model T Ford. Also, latter part of this year one more piece of equipment was added, first Fire Truck purchased.

The method of sounding fire alarm was a phone call to the Fire Chief's home, his wife then would relay alarm to two or three other Volunteers' homes, and so on, they in turn would notify others until all had been notified.

In 1930 compensation was initiated for the Volunteers' services.

As the years slipped by the means of communication was still by the phone until 1932, and Electrical Fire Siren was installed on top of the Water Tower. The code 1-2-3-4 was instituted thereby, means of notifying the Volunteers who were outside or elsewhere from home.

In 1926 the Town's population was 800 and by 1935 it had increased to 1,000 and in 1940 was 2,000. By 1944 the population was 4,000 as you will note the Town was expanding quite rapidly as it was close to the Industrial Areas and people wanted to locate close to work as well as enjoying the spacious areas.

Therefore, more equipment was purchased--1938 a 500 gal. Ahrens-Fox Pumper. A new Fire Station was constructed to house the equipment. In 1948 a 750 Gal. Mack Pumper was added and in 1950 the first Ambulance was purchased by canvassing.

As the Town kept expanding, so the need for a change of Communication, the advent of the Radio Set. The master Radio was placed in the home of Mrs. DePorto who with her daughter, Pearl Barnhart, manned the 24 hour watch. A small receiving set was placed in each of the firemen's homes as well as a set in the Ambulance and in the Fire Truck. This system was quite effective.

In 1955 the 25 watt set was replaced with a 60 watt set; in January 1956, the Radio system was combined with the Police Radio and moved to the Town Hall. Three operators (women) were hired. Wish to state that the small radio sets for the Firemen were replaced with more modern receiving sets. They had all been replaced by late 1972 and early 1973. Would like to say these new sets are a relief to the firemen's families, more peaceful.

MUNSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT--cont'd

Munster was still expanding to the south, therefore, in addition to more equipment, the need for another station located south. Fire Station #2 (Old Town Garage) located on the north side of Fisher----was opened in November 1967. The equipment was divided between the two stations, #1 located at the north end of the Town Hall, Calumet & Ridge Rd. As time rolled on, more equipment added, therefore, the new #2 station was constructed on the southside of Fisher, east of Town Garage. The Firemen held their first monthly meeting in the Fall of 1972. The equipment section was not completed until May 1973.

DUTIES OF THE FIREMEN: Answer all fire calls, Ambulance calls, Investigate, Inspections, Drills, Keep Equipment in Good Working order as well keep their stations in General Order as well as clean. Periodic check of Fire Hose, attend meetings and assist other Fire Depts. when in need.

TRAINING: Drills twice a month, First Aid Classes which teaches all phases of Fire Fighting and First Aid as well as the use of the Inhalator. The care of how to handle accident victims.

In 1963 another Ambulance was purchased.

The First Fire Commissioner, Bill Jabsay, was appointed. He was a Volunteer for 25 years.

The Fire Department had their own office upstairs at the Town Hall until the new #2 Station was completed. This was for the Fire Chief, Commissioner and Officers of the Department.

Hope this brief outline of the Munster Volunteer Fire Department has been quite interesting.

As almost from beginning of time the women have been helpmates to their men, therefore, the Munster Auxiliary was organized shortly after the Munster Volunteer Dept. was organized. Even prior to that time, I was informed that women was quite helpful in fighting the fires when the Town of Munster had no Water Facilities, the women were right in their pitching, with brooms, shovels and carrying water from the source of water as well as they did the pumping most generally.

The picture shows the Auxiliary members with their Firemen. This picture was taken when Wm. Schmueser was Fire Chief--1930-1932. From what can be detected, the date was September 1932 taken at the Town Hall in the south east room which at that time was quite large.

List of Firemen and their wives' (Auxiliary members) at on next page.

MUNSTER FIRELADIES AUXILIARY

To my estimation it is very important to have a History of an organization before time erases some statistics which develops into History making. In this case a very active and important organization, as of this date, has been living up to the title--AUXILIARY of the Munster Fire Department.

We know the word AUXILIARY's definition is a Subsidiary--Assisting--Aiding is revealed throughout this book.

Now to go back in the earlier years since Munster was Incorporated, 1907, the women of the town were very helpful whenever there was a fire. As one would recall, the only water available to fight fires were obtained from the wells and cisterns or other catchalls for rainwater. The women would help to pump water from these well, so one can see that they played or was assisting whenever necessary to fight the fires.

After the Munster Volunteer Firemen's Department was organized in 1925, the women still continue to be of assistance--the first telephone call of alarm was received at the Fire Chief's home, his wife would then relay the message on to two or three other Volunteer's homes, in turn these wives would relay on to others until all Volunteer homes had been notified of the fire.

In the early 30's the wives and mothers of the Volunteer Firemen met socially once a month at each others homes. Besides the officers of their group they had a Relief Chrmn. whose duties to be in charge of seeing food and beverages were available to the men at scenes of lengthy time fires. Also, there was a Social Chrmn. whose duties to plan activities for the Firemen and Families. (Deeply regret was unable to obtain more details regarding this group of women as you will note, why the importance of keeping a Log or History of this very important organization).

The 40's brought the War, these women were not only active for the Department but was or should say became quite active in War projects, besides their home life and schools, Scout Work so therefore they disbanded in the mid-40's. Also they were very devout church workers in the different church project and so you see their time was quite full.

As time went on the Volunteer women folks still assisted their Firemen through relaying the telephoned fire alarms to the different homes. Until the Radio came into use which became quite effective in speeding up the alarm, all received the notification at the same time and also the Fire Siren on top of Water Tower.

In 1956 a group of the wives and mothers, (14) became interested in forming another Auxiliary which from that time has become quite active and at time of this article very progressive and active for projects to make money to assist the Firemen of obtaining not only their Uniforms but equipment which unobtainable through the Towns' Budget as much they would like. The Town has procured a number of the latest in Trucks, Etc., and Snorkel. Besides building a new Fire Station which is one of the outstanding landmarks of Munster. (Also, change of Ambulances).

The present Auxiliary meets once a month at the new #2 Fire Station on Fisher St. and all of the Firemen's wives are eligible to belong if she so desires. Following the meeting we have a social hour which has been in existence since reorganizing. We have the following elective Officers to serve for two years--Pres.--V-Pres. Secr.-Treas. and Publicity Chrmn. The By-Laws are revised whenever it is imperative to do so.

In the following pages you will see some of the outstanding activities which some annual.

LIST OF IMPORTANT EVENTS AND ACTIVITES FROM 1956.

- Feb. 1956 Auxiliary was reorganized.
- Apr. 1957 Joined the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Assoc. Auxiliary
- June 1957 Assisted the Munster Firemen's host to the Ind. Volunteer Firemen's Assoc.  
(the attendance was over 500 Volunteer Firemen from the state)
- Nov. 1958 1st Card Party to raise funds for the #1 Sta. kitchen.
- Dec. 1958 1st Party for the Firemen and wives not belonging to Aux.
- Nov. 1959 Card Party for funds to purchase china, etc. for kitchen
- Jan. 1960 1st Donation to the Firemen
- Sept. 1960 1st Firemen's Ball (Annual)
- Apr. 1961 Purchased 1st group of Firemen's Uniforms.
- " 1962 Auxiliary members took Red Cross 1st Aid Course.
- May 1963 Reorganize Distr. # 1 & #2 Auxiliaries by Past State Aux. Pres. Loretta Kustron and State Aux. Sargent of Arms, Service King (Munster)
- Dec. 1963 First Firemen's Children Christmas Party at Town Hall-Sec. Floor (Annual)
- July 1964 First Firemen's Family Picnic--Munster Community Park (Annual)
- Sept. 1964 Auxiliary's Secret Pal Club---(Birthdays and Wedding Anniv.)
- Feb. 1965 Appointment of the Chrmn. for Floral and Sick Committee
- June 1965 Advance Course of Red Cross First Aid by Aux. members
- July 1966 Participated in the Chamber of Commerce July 4th Parade in Munster (Annual)
- May 1968 1st Rummage Sale (Annual)
- Sept. 1971 Participated in the Community Club Awards Campaign ( until it ceased in 3/74.
- Sept. 1972 Plans for a News Bulletin to be printed in the near future.
- July 1973 1st News Bulletin

**LADIES AUXILIARY  
MUNSTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
LIST OF OFFICERS**

	<b>President</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
1956	Bernice King	Norma Hoekema	Mary Van Der Wal	Ella Kirsch
1957	Dorothy Tanis	Ruby Duffala	Shirley Schmueser	June Thomas
1958	Vera Smith	Marian Kulesa	Delores Hoekema	Hertha Fehring
1959	Vera Smith	Marian Kulesa	Marjorie Tinglof	Hertha Fehring
1960	Hertha Fehring	Shirley Schmueser	Marian Kulesa	June Thomas
1962	Betty Pfister	Shirley Schmueser	Ella Smith	Helen DeMik
1964	June Thomas	Dorothy Tanis	Mary Rieckhoff	Bernice King
1966	Shirley Schmueser	Vera Smith	Katie Smeltzer	Marian Kulesa
1968	Kathryn Smeltzer	Ruby Duffala	June Thomas	Petty Pfister
1970	Marian Kulesa	Dorothy Tanis	Nelda Heller	Margaret Jones
1972	Nelda Heller	Hertha Fehring	Dorothy O'Brien	Margaret Jones
1974	Hertha Fehring	Margaret Grubka	Dianne Scheffel	June Thomas



MUNSTER EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

1932-1976

## MUNSTER EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

One of the town's earliest organizations, Munster Home Bureau, as it was first known, was officially formed in 1932-33.

An informal adult continuing educational service for all women sponsored by Lake County, Purdue University and the United States Department of Agriculture.

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1932-33 - Mrs. Martin Meeter, Pres.

Mrs. Meeter served as the group's first president. The club records of the earlier years have been lost, and it is not recorded who served with her. Mrs. Meeter has been a resident of Munster since 1913 and still lives on Schrieber Drive.

1933-36 - Records incomplete.

1936-37 - Mrs. Otto Rabe, Pres.

The Extension Homemaker program is international in scope, an affiliate of Country Women of the World. In 1936 the Munster group sent Mrs. George Hansen, as a delegate, to the triennial convention held that year in Washington, D. C.

"The highlight of the trip," Mrs. Hansen relates, "was the garden party on the White House lawn with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt as hostess. We all got to meet and shake hands with her. President Roosevelt addressed the group briefly from the balcony."

1937-38 - Mrs. M. E. Mathers, Pres.

1938-39 - Mrs. Andrew Hoffman, Pres.

1939-40 - Mrs. Ed Bennett, Pres.

The group has been of service in many ways to the community through the years. They were instrumental in establishing the first Kindergarten in Munster. During these years members helped with the hot lunch program at Lanier school or the "soup kitchen" as it was then known.

1940-41 - Mrs. George Schwenke, Pres.

1941-42 - Mrs. Homer Hitt, Pres.

1942-43 - Mrs. W. J. Cleary, Pres.

Extra sugar rations for canning during World War II years were figured on closely kept records of Home Demonstration members which were turned in to Crown Point and then sent to Washington, D. C.

1943-44 - Mrs. N. W. Fagen, Pres.

The name was changed from Home Bureau to Munster Home Economics Association.

1944-47 - Mrs. Bruce Cate served three terms as president.

1947-49 - Mrs. Herman Wickelgren served two terms as president.

1949-50 - Mrs. E. R. Rivett, Pres.

1950-52 - Mrs. Chas. Hopkins served two terms as president.

The name was changed to Munster Home Demonstration Association.

1952-53 - Mrs. Ora Vergin, Pres.

1953-55 - Mrs. Harold Alspach served two terms as president.

In 1954 Twin Pines was dedicated. This a cooperative house for girls wishing to study home economics on the Purdue campus at Lafayette. Statewide help and support were given this venture by Home Extension members.

1955-56 - Mrs. Clarence Buehler, Pres.

1956-57 - Mrs. E. R. Rivett served again as president.

1957-58 - Mrs. Pauline Schmidt, Pres.

1958-59 - Mrs. Pauline Garwood, Pres.

1959-60 - Mrs. Edward Stauverman, Pres.

1960-61 - Mrs. Henry Gerritsen, Pres.

1961-62 - Mrs. James Cloyd, Pres.

1962-63 - Mrs. John Ayers, Pres.

1963-64 - Mrs. Carl Tshalo, Pres.

The name was changed again to Munster Extension Homemakers as it is now known.

1964-69 - Mrs. R. W. Carlson served five terms as president.

In 1966 a flag, which had flown over the House of Representatives in Washington, D. C., was given by the club to First Federal Savings and Loan, Munster, for its meeting room.

In 1968, a statue, "The Laughing Child" by Ogden Dunes artist, Arlene Seltzinger, was presented by the club to the new Munster Library to be used in the children's area.

1969-70 - Mrs. Andrew Berthold, Pres.

1970-71 - Mrs. John Maruschak, Pres.

In 1970 the club presented a podium, built by Mark O'Barske, to first Federal Savings and Loan, Munster, for its meeting room.

1971-72 - Mrs. Elmer Kellier, Pres.

During this year Lake County Cultural Arts was formed under the sponsorship of Lake County Cooperative Extension Office and the Extension Homemakers Association.

1972-73 - Mrs. David Carlson, Pres.

1973-76 - Mrs. Lawrence Lippe served three terms as president.

1976-77 - Mrs. Chas. Blanchard, Pres.

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In addition to the officers various committees work to-gether for achievement. They are briefly; music, book, safety, 4-H, citizenship and outreach. A representative serves on the Park Board.

There is an annual Achievement Day in Lake County in which members participate and recognition is given. In 1976 genealogies were given of those families with ancestors serving in the Revolutionary and the Civil War. In June, members and a voting delegate attend the Homemakers Conference at Purdue University, Lafayette.

The club has had a special interest in the Munster Library since its earliest and humble beginning. Mrs. Evelyn Freese, an active Homemaker, retired as head librarian in 1975 after twenty-five years of service.

In 1930 the state association sponsored a contest to write a creed. Sixty entries were submitted, and the one written by Mrs. C. W. Horne was selected. In writing this creed, Mrs. Horne endeavored to voice the sentiment of every member of Home Extension clubs with the hope that this valuable work would go on forever-for we learn and teach others.

#### EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CREED

We believe in the present and its opportunities, in the future and its promises, in everything that makes life large and lovely, in the divine joy of living and helping others, and so we endeavor to pass on to others that which has benefited us, striving to go onward and upward, reaching the pinnacle of economic perfection, in improving, enlarging and endearing the greatest institution in the world.

The Home

November 2, 1975

Munster Historical Society  
President---Jerry Gillespie  
Munster, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

The Munster Garden and Home Club, Munster Indiana, was organized October 1954, at the home of Mrs. J.E. Grodzicki in Munster. Three members of the Calumet City, Illinois, Garden Club, wished to have a club in the area of Munster and Highland Indiana. It originally was known as the Munster, Highland Garden Club. We became federated with the National Garden Clubs, immediately upon formation. We were refederated in April of 1961, after a lapse of one year of non-federation.

The object of our club is to promote active participation in flower shows, to bring color and beauty in our own yards, stimulate knowledge and love of gardening among members, aid in protection of native trees, wild flowers and birds, and foster beauty in the community and home.

The first President and Officers were

Mrs. George W. Boase---President  
Mrs. S.R.Wells Jr.-----Vice President  
Mrs. A.H.Bacon-----Recording Secretary  
Mrs. J.E.Grodzicki ----Correspondence Secretary  
Mrs. Richard G. Phelps-Treasurer.

Presidents:

1954-1957--Mrs. Geo.W. Boase  
1957-1959-Mrs. J.E.Grodzicki  
1959-1960-Mrs. A.H. Bacon  
1960-1962-Mrs.P.J.Guenzer  
1962-1964-Mrs.Harold Scholl  
1964-1966-Mrs. Robert Baker.  
1966-1967-Mrs. Joseph Buda  
1967-1968-Mrs. Michael Ryan  
1968- 1970Mrs. Norman Bateson  
1970-1972-Mrs. Daniel Fort  
1972-1974-Mrs. Lloyd Turner  
1974-1975-Mrs. George C. Bourne

The Club's main achievement has been in the field of flower arrangement. Both as a Club and as individuals, we have won many ribbons, tri-color and creativity awards, due to the talent, ability, persistence in learning and acquiring knowledge by it's members. This has increased our appreciation of the beauties around us, which we have tried to share with others, as stated in our;

GARDEN CLUB PRAYER

Help us, O God, to be mindful of the beauties around us.

May we grow with our flowers in gentleness, patience, courage, laughter, and religion.

As we turn the brown soil and plant our seed, may we learn faith ---faith in the goodness of the earth, the clemency of the sun, the fullness of the clouds.

May we be grateful for the privilege of being a co-worker with God in the creation of even one tiny flower, and grant that we may know the great joy that comes from sharing with others.

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Enclosed is picture of seed picture made by members of our Club. The picture, hangs in the Munster Library.

Sincerely,

*Alceste J. Guenzer*  
Mrs. Philip J. Guenzer (Historian)  
8800 Southmoor Ave.  
Highland, Indiana. 46322



8808 Columbia Avenue  
Munster, Indiana 46321

November 24, 1975

Mrs. Alene Cross  
725 Broadmoor Avenue  
Munster, Indiana 46321

Dear Mrs. Cross:

The Munster High Booster Club received your letter requesting information from our organization for the Munster Historical Society.

I am enclosing our recent publication, "A Decade of Dedication," which we feel is most inclusive for all the information you requested.

Please note the progress made from the beginning of the Munster Booster Club to support "School System Athletics" toward the 1975-76 goal of including any School Organizations which request our financial aid. These organizations are listed throughout the brochure.

However, the Presidents for some of their terms have been deleted. A Complete list of those are:

1964-65 -- Arthur Young  
1965-66 -- Arthur Young  
1966-67 -- Robert Shinkan  
1967-68 -- Steve Coulis  
1968-69 -- Bernard Hill  
1969-70 -- Bernard Hill  
1970-71 -- Dr. George Ruesch  
1971-72 -- Joseph McLaughlin  
1972-73 -- Alfred Smith  
1973-74 -- Alfred Smith  
1974-75 -- Joseph Stodola  
1975-76 -- Joseph Stodola

If you have any further questions, please call me at 923-5958.

Sincerely,

*Patricia Sholts*

Patricia Sholts, Secretary  
Munster High Booster Club, Inc.

Enclosure

Camera equipment for the publications department was purchased by the Booster Club for both The Crier and The Paragon, and another donation was made to the German Honors Program.

This particular school year witnessed another new venture by the Booster Club, support of the Girls Athletic Program, as the Board of Directors approved the purchase of warm-up uniforms for the gymnastics team.

**1970-71**

With Dr. George Rasch as President, the purchase of a Port-O-Pit for the added safety of the track pole-vaulters was the first approved project of the school year. The school Swimming Program received Booster Club support with the purchase of a replacement diving board for the high school swimming pool, although the diving board would be used by all age group students within the Munster Community.

The Band-Orchestra Parents Association did assume full responsibility for the concession operations at both the football and basketball games. Due to previous expenditures by the Booster Club for the popcorn machine and the concession trailer, the Music Program would now benefit from the fund raising efforts of the Band-Orchestra Parents Association.

Approval was also given to purchase and repair camera equipment for the school publications program. The Speech and Debate Programs requested and received \$500.00 from the Booster Club to help defray the cost of sending students to the national finals in California.

**1971-72**

With Joseph McLaughlin as President, the Booster Club committed itself to another money and manpower job in the form of installing an excellent drainage system for the football field. This work included digging for the installation of the drainage tile, back filling with stone, raking and totally grading the field for proper drainage, seeding and fertilizing: Cost \$3,097.00. Concrete slabs, another donation from President Joseph McLaughlin, were procured to serve as a shot-put platform in the outdoor track area and for the storage shed.

The Board of Directors approved the purchase of a Sony tape recorder for the Speech and Debate Program, music for the marching and pep bands, Strobe Light and camera for the Publications Department, and evergreens for landscaping around the North Building Resource Center: Total Cost \$1,049.00. A donation was made to the German Honors Program.

As the Girls Athletic Program continued to grow and financial aid was needed to improve their programs, the Directors turned over one of their annual and \$1,000.00 plus money-makers to the GAA Program, namely the annual Faculty-College Athlete Basketball Game. The GAA requested and received approval for twelve additional sweatshirts at a cost of \$350.00.

A dinner dance, another first for the Booster Club, was held in the spring. Although the main purpose of the event was social in nature, thanks to President McLaughlin, it made a few dollars profit as well.

**1972-73**

With Al C. Smith as President, maintenance problems in the press box area prompted Booster Club action to apply aluminum siding to the exterior of the facility prior to the start of the school year. A security system was also installed.

The Booster Club, as well as the total community, received a sudden sadness with the untimely death of Bernard "Barney" Hill at half time of the Mustangs' first football game of the season. Although many in the community had given of time and money to support the overall efforts of the Munster Boosters, no one individual gave as much of his time and dedication as "Barney" Hill. The sign atop the press box honoring the memory of "Barney" serves only as a token memorial of his efforts and, more importantly, an example of what the Booster Club really exemplifies — dedication to the youth of the Munster schools.

Additional camera equipment was purchased for the Publication Department. Funds to purchase music for the marching band and pep band were once again provided by the club.

The Constitution and By-Laws were revised, as well as updating the Incorporation papers regarding the club's status as a non-profit organization.

Honoring a request from the Middle School, display cases were purchased by the Booster Club at a cost of \$475.00. The display cases would display student work, most of which is a product of the excellent unified arts program within the Middle School.

**1973-74**

With Al C. Smith as President again, the Booster Club evaluated past and future directions of the organization. Two "Mixers" were held at the Munster Med-Inn, one after a football game, the other after a basketball game. The fall "Mixer" climaxed a raffle sponsored by the Booster Club under the able leadership of Bill Knutson. The spring dinner dance was also a success thanks to the efforts of Joe Stodola, III, and Al C. Smith.

A gravity drain whirlpool was purchased, and an ice machine was donated by a club director for the Athletic Program. A pole-vault pit and high jump bag were purchased for the Track Program. Funds of \$300.00 purchased a sand-clay mix to be used on baseball facilities in Community Park. The Booster Club made a commitment to pay half of the cost of a second weight machine for the fieldhouse area. Use of this equipment is not restricted to the Athletic Program as it is used, for example, in the evening Adult Conditioning Program. Additional funds of \$1,000.00 were approved for use in both boys and girls athletics.

The Booster Club honored a request by GAA for white shell tops at a cost of \$162.00. The Synchronized Swim Group was given a \$200.00 donation for supplies and equipment for their Spring Show.

A \$500.00 donation was made to the Speech and Debate Program. Music was again purchased for the marching and pep bands.

An Outstanding Senior Boy and Girl were recognized by the Booster Club for the first time as a part of the Annual Spring Awards Banquet honoring athletes, scholars, and now graduating seniors who had excelled in representing their fellow classmates. Bob Grand and Robin White were selected by the screening committee as the first recipients of this award.

Yes, a Decade of Dedication has produced a membership of over 1,000 members, over \$50,000.00 in dues, plus many man and woman hours of donated time. The Booster Club's cooperative efforts with other school-community supportive organizations cannot pass without recognition. The Band-Orchestra Parents, Speech-Debate Parents, The Lions, the Kiwanis, The Rotary, Age Group Swim Parents, Munster Community Park Association, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce and Fraternal Order of Police, have demonstrated both with money and work that they too have an interest in the youth of our community. Individual donations of time and materials have been too numerous to properly list here.

To those of you who have joined the Booster Club during its first decade, we all say "THANK YOU", and your continued support will greatly be appreciated. If you are not a Century Member as yet, won't you consider paying your balance of up to \$100.00? The Century Membership is still the primary goal of the Membership Committee, so please give this your consideration. A number of Century Members have continued to send ten or more dollars a year to the club, and although they may not realize it, they will qualify as "200 Club" members when they have donated \$200.00. Please remember that all donations to this non-profit organization are tax deductible.

If you are not a member and care to join, please contact the High School Office, 836-1450, and you in turn will be contacted by the Membership Committee.

Regardless of your choice, a regular membership for \$10.00, a century for \$100.00, or partial payment toward a century, you will be a member of a viable moving organization. Every dollar that is donated to the club is cumulative toward a Century Membership.

Won't you help make our second decade just as challenging and rewarding as the first? Give a "Century" to help the Booster Club move forward in the years to come.

# 1964 "A Decade of Dedication" 1974



ARTHUR T. YOUNG



BERNARD "BARNEY" HILL



FRANK H. HAMMOND

## 1964-65

As the voluminous amount of planning necessary to finance and build a high school in the Town of Munster proceeded with a completion date of school year 1966-67, a handful of community patrons expressed interest and concern regarding the financing of the high school athletic program. From a meeting called by the now retired Superintendent of Schools, Frank Hammond, and attended by Mr. Arthur T. Young, a community patron, and newly appointed Athletic Director and Coach, John Friend, the foundation of the present Munster High Booster Club, Inc. was laid in 1964.

The last paragraph of a letter dated December 2, 1964 best details the original intent of the infant organization: "The main purpose and function of the Booster Club should always be such that through good fellowship, financial, moral and vocal support we will do our best to promote a spirit of helpfulness to the Munster School System Athletics." First year officers included Arthur T. Young, President, Leonard Krause, Vice-President, David W. Ogren, Secretary, and Ray E. Rittman, Treasurer. Initial dues collections through November of 1964 from Century and Regular Members totaled \$5,180.00. This money was used to help purchase athletic equipment for the high school program since tax dollars cannot be expended to support athletic equipment needs.

Yes, a Booster Club with an initial membership of 200 was organized and working even before the high school building complex was completed and the first class was graduated in 1967. The Decade of Dedication was born and on the move as equipment was provided for three football teams, four basketball teams, and one baseball team. Swimming and golf were added to the total sports program, and a sports banquet was subsidized by the Booster Club.

## 1965-66

The second year efforts of the Booster Club were primarily directed to a continuation of financing equipment for the athletic program since facilities to participate in the two gate receipt sports, football and basketball, were not available for home game contests. Additional commitments were made to provide help, both monetary and manpower, regarding scoreboards for the football field and swimming pool and a press box for the football field.

## 1966-67

With Robert Shinkan as President, the organization continued to grow, and the leadership proceeded with incorporation as a non-profit organization, developing a constitution as a preliminary to incorporation. One of the largest manpower undertakings was a commitment to sod the football field. The first Century Board Plaque was ordered to honor those patrons who had contributed \$100.00 to the Booster Club.

This, the third year of the club, was the time for another first, namely a commitment to help uniform the high school band, thereby expanding its efforts to areas other than athletics. In the spring of this year, the club honored the top ten seniors, top five juniors, and merit scholarship winners at the annual Spring Banquet. With the first graduating class in June of 1967, the Booster Club had broadened its original goals from an organization committed to only athletics to one helping the band program and honoring high school scholarship.

## 1967-68

The athletic program continued to expand both in number of participants and number of sports. With Steve Coulis as President, the Booster Club agreed to help defray the cost of improving the baseball playing facilities in the Community Park since the field served as the home site for the Mustangs. A total of \$1,650.00 was expended to replace the backstop, to grade and sod the infield. Landscaping around the flagpole at the south end of the football field was completed.

Concerned about proper press coverage of a young high school, the Directors decided to pay expenses for a press and picture day at the start of the school year. The press box was completed as a joint effort with financial help from the School Town and the Munster Kiwanis, as well as materials and manpower donated by local patrons.

A popcorn machine was purchased for concession sales at a cost of \$932.00. Eventually this machine and the total concession business would be turned over to the Band-Orchestra Parents Organization.

The final payment of the Booster Club commitment of \$2,633.95 was made to pay off the band uniform purchase. The club approved a \$550.00 donation to be shared by the Speech-Debate Program and the German Honors Program.

## 1968-69

With Bernard "Barney" Hill as President, the first "Thank You" Chili Dinner was planned by the Booster Club, free of charge to all club members and their families as a gesture of appreciation for their continued support. Membership in September of this school year had 205 paid up century members, 232 part-time century members, and a total membership of 740.

As a continuing effort to expand its service to the high school, a video tape machine was purchased for the school at a cost of \$2,465.00. Included in the purchase was a video recorder, an 18" monitor, a portable camera, a battery pack, and six tapes.

In November of this school year, the Constitution and By-Laws were revised for a second time to provide a viable and "working for students" Constitution.

The January meeting recorded Board approval of the Projects Committee recommendations that \$200.00 be donated to the school newspaper, The Cri, \$200.00 to the school literary magazine, The Pegasus, \$1,000.00 to the maintenance and improvement of the football field. Another financial donation was made to the German Honors Program as well as a donation to the Prevention of Drug Abuse Program.

## 1969-70

With Bernard "Barney" Hill as President again, action by the Board of Directors provided manpower to seal the football bleachers, funds to purchase a 16mm Bolex camera for school use, and funds for a whirlpool.

Joe McLaughlin, a Director, donated a trailer to serve as a concession stand during the football season. The trailer would be used by the Band-Orchestra Parents in their fund raising efforts, another example of the cooperation and concern of the Booster Club to support the total school program: curricular and co-curricular.

## OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

1975 - 1976

PRESIDENT .....	Kenneth Porter 1503 Twelve Oaks Drive	338-0100
1st VICE PRESIDENT .....	Ralph Howarth 1037 Heather Lane	923-0725
2nd VICE PRESIDENT .....	Robert Norton 1254 Fisher	923-5874
3rd VICE PRESIDENT .....	Roger Keck 627 River Drive	636-5040
SECRETARY .....	Thomas Stevens 1103 Elliott Drive	923-6522
TREASURER .....	Don Johnson 1230 Elliott Drive	972-1790
TAIL TWISTER .....	Harold Bohling 1808 Alta Vista	838-5859
LION TAMER .....	Ted Phillips 1142 Fran-Lin Parkway	923-4172
Assistant Lion Tamer .....	John Keener 8823 Northcote	838-8222
SECOND YEAR DIRECTORS .....	Chuck Hulsey Jim Nagy Jim Price	
FIRST YEAR DIRECTORS .....	Jim Korellis Frank LaMaster Carmen Rich	
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	E.R. Sorenson	

## LION OF THE YEAR AWARD

PRESENTED EACH YEAR SINCE 1955  
TO THE FOLLOWING MUNSTER LIONS:

In appreciation and recognition of distin-	guished service, Loyalty and devotion to
the objects and furtherance of Lionism.	
1957 .....	H.I. Scurlock
1958 .....	Ora Vergin
1959 .....	C.A. Anderson
1960 .....	T.E. Cosgrove
1961 .....	J.P. LaForce
1962 .....	R.N. Haimbaugh
1963 .....	J.S. Keener
1964 .....	J.A. Glover
1965 .....	A.M. Mallett
1966 .....	Eiler L. Thomsen
1967 .....	Adam Kirschner
1968 .....	S.C. Evett
1969 .....	J.G. Cloyd
1970 .....	L.W. Johnson
1971 .....	R.T. Bell
1972 .....	R.L. Green
1973 .....	D.M. Skaggs
1974 .....	R. Kendrick
1975 .....	R.O. Robbins

## PAST PRESIDENTS

### OF MUNSTER LIONS

1938-39 .....	A.H. Bacon
1939-40 .....	C.S. Howatt
1940-41 .....	H.Ringgenberg
1941-42 .....	M.F. Bridgeman
1942-43 .....	M.E. Dreyfus
1943-44 .....	E.L. Gibson
1944-45 .....	J.M. App
1945-46 .....	A. Williams
1946-47 .....	C.A. Anderson
1947-48 .....	J.A. Hart
1948-49 .....	J.M. Turner
1949-50 .....	S.W. Berg
1950-51 .....	G.F. Burbach
1951-52 .....	R.N. Haimbaugh
1952-53 .....	T.E. Cosgrove
1953-54 .....	H.I. Scurlock
1954-55 .....	S.C. Evett
1955-56 .....	M.C. Hicks
1956-57 .....	J.A. Glover
1957-58 .....	Adam Kirschner
1958-59 .....	J.S. Keener
1959-60 .....	P. Berghian
1960-61 .....	J.G. Cloyd
1961-62 .....	C.B. Parrish
1962-63 .....	G.V. Burbach
1963-64 .....	R.L. Green
1964-65 .....	R.B. Lannan
1965-66 .....	R.T. Bell
1966-67 .....	R.O. Robbins
1967-68 .....	Eiler Thomsen
1968-69 .....	J.T. Smith
1969-70 .....	D.M. Skaggs
1970-71 .....	W.J. Garmus
1971-72 .....	R.M. Kendrick
1972-73 .....	D.F. Slacks
1973-74 .....	E.N. Davis
1974-75 .....	E.R. Sorenson

## CHARTER MEMBERS

### OF MUNSTER LIONS CLUB

Alien, M.	Kozak, H.
Anderson, C.A.**	Krabow, R.E.
Bacon, A.H.	Lawson, W.F., Jr.
Basset, W.S.	Lowden, D.M.
Beebe, G.F.	May, J.H.
Bennett, E.F.	McLaughlin, P.C.
Bridgeman, M.F.	McNutt, R.T.
Brinkman, C.	Medius, W.
Carter, L.N.	Meyer, R.B.
Davis, H.L.	Murton, A.E.
Engstrom, A.E.	Ringgenberg, H.J.
Flick, E.P.	Sackville, H.L.
Geisen, H.C.	Shipley, C.W.
Haney, I.K.	Stinson, J.R.
Harder, H.I.	Tanis, P.C.
Hoess, F.L.	Timm, F.M., Sr.
Howat, C.S.	Turner, F.J.
Iewett, C.M.	Wagner, R.E.
Klehege, C.A.	Warman, F.H.
Klehege, W.B.	Williams, A.**
Konefsky, H.F.	

\*\*Denotes charter member still active in the club

## Munster Lions Club

The Munster Lions Club was chartered in 1938 with 41 members. The club dedicated itself to the betterment of the community as its primary goal. As a member of an international service organization, the Munster Lions Club also donated funds and efforts to national, state and international projects dealing with humanitarian causes.

The Munster Lions Club grew to an average of over 100 active members during its 38 years. It has become one of the most successful service clubs in northern Indiana as demonstrated by its accomplishments.

Currently, the Club has several annual fund raising projects, the major ones being the Turkey Shoot and the Pancake Breakfast. All of the profits are used for community or philanthropic projects.

The most significant accomplishments of the Munster Lions have been the donation of the original parcel of land and the continuing support of the Munster Community Park on Calumet Avenue, south of Ridge Road. The area of the park was expanded by the Munster Community Park Association through fund raising activities supported actively by the Lions and other civic-minded citizens and groups. The present value of this property exceeds \$500,000 and enhances the entire town and school district. Since the property was turned over to the Munster Community Park Association, the Lions Club has made donations for improvements to the property and for park programs. The Munster Lions Club Park Shelter was built entirely by the Club. Contributions of funds and labor were made to other park projects including the warming house, the tennis courts, the washroom and toilet facilities, the Little League field and the drain tile installation.

Although the Park has been the major recipient of the Club's efforts, sponsorship and contributions have been made to:

- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Little and Senior Leagues
- Girls Softball
- Munster Swim Club
- YMCA Building Fund
- Needy families
- Special school equipment for  
sight and hearing problems
- Munster Community Hospital
- Drug Abuse Council
- Police and Fire Department  
training aids
- Leader dogs for the blind
- Indiana Eye Bank
- Cancer Control
- High School sports equipment  
not available through normal  
funding
- Science and student awards

While the Club has been able to assist many projects with funding, a more important facet has been the donation of time and talent by individual members to town activities. Being aware of the needs of schools, police and fire departments, scouts, youth groups, the town board and local business has enabled the Munster Lions to be an effective service club.

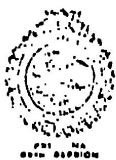
There are two charter members still active in the Club, C. Andy Anderson and Art Williams. During the past 38 years, Lion members made up of working men, businessmen and retirees have organized the Munster Lions Club activities with assistance from non-members who donated their time and businesses who have loaned their equipment.

The Munster Lions currently meet twice a month for dinner programs at Wicker Park and the Board of Directors meets once a month at the Munster Park Community Center. Kenneth Porter is president this year.

The Club is justifiably proud of the Town of Munster and the part the Lions Club has played in making it a better community.

February 17, 1976

# DEPARTMENT OF POLICE



LOUIS BERATIS  
Chief of Police

# MUNSTER, INDIANA

1050 RIDGE ROAD  
MUNSTER, INDIANA 46321

Telephone (219) 836-8131

November 27, 1975

## BACKGROUND ON MUNSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Munster was incorporated in 1907. The Police Department was set up on a Town Marshal system.

List of Town Marshals and periods served as follows:

1. Marshal Gerrit Jansen	(1907 - 1925)
2. Marshal Henry DeVries	(1925 - 1932)
3. Marshal Edward Bennett	(1932 - 1946)
4. Marshal Charles Chapman	(1946 - 1947)
5. Marshal Clarence Seifken	(Feb. - Oct. 1947)
6. Marshal William Retzlaff	(Oct. 1947 - May 1948)
7. Marshal Adam Funk	(1948 - 1953)
8. Marshal Harold Pritchard	(1953 - 1956)

In January 1956, by referendum approved by the residents of Munster, the Town Board abolished the Office of the Town Marshal and established the Metropolitan System in the Police Department. The Marshal was appointed Chief of Police and the Deputy Marshals were appointed Patrolmen 1st Class. Since the Department became Metropolitan, the following have served as Chiefs of Police:

1. Harold Pritchard	(1956 - 1957)
2. William Retzlaff	(1957 - 1972 - retired)
3. Louis Beratis	(1973 - Present)

The Metropolitan Police Department is governed by a Board of Police Commissioners comprised of three members who are appointed by the Town Board as prescribed by Indiana State Law.

### Equipment and Communications

In 1925 the Town purchased a motorcycle for the Town Marshal. The Town later purchased a squad car.

Communications were handled by telephone. The Clerk-Treasurer answered calls during the day. The Marshal and Deputy Marshal had extensions installed at their homes for night calls. In 1952 all extensions were removed from the Marshal's and Deputy Marshals' homes and a direct line was installed to the telephone answering service in Hammond which in turn relayed the calls to the Hammond Police Department. They in turn called the Munster squad car by radio which was on the same frequency with Hammond.

In 1955 the Munster Police Department purchased and installed its own radio transmitter and receiver and hired three radio operators to handle all police communications. They also handled the communications for the Munster Volunteer Fire Department.

### Facility

The Munster Police Department was housed in the Munster Town Hall until April, 1969. Originally, it consisted of one room but was later expanded to include an office for the Chief of Police, a squad room, a radio room and one cell.

In 1969, the Munster Police Department moved into the building which had been the Munster Library and which was remodeled for the Police Department. The first floor of the facility consists of a Communications Room and three offices. The basement level has four individual cells, a booking room and a photo-fingerprint room. Due to the need for additional facilities such as training room, officers' squad room, record room, office space for administrative and investigations, expansion to the present facility is contemplated to accommodate these needs.

The Police Department has a firearms range and training facility where Department personnel trains in firearms proficiency, riot control exercises, etc. All police personnel are qualified in marksmanship, in fact, the Department is known statewide for achievements in firearms proficiency.

### Growth

The Munster Police Department has gradually grown to the present 1975 authorized strength of twenty four sworn personnel. The Department is comprised of the Chief of Police, one lieutenant, four patrol sergeants, one detective sergeant, one detective and sixteen patrolmen. The Investigations Unit comprised of the detective sergeant and the detective is responsible for follow up investigations, preparation and presentation of cases to the various courts for prosecutions and they also serve in matters involving the youth.

Appointments to the police force are made only after the applicants have successfully passed the written examinations, interviews, psychological test, polygraph test, physical examinations and background investigation.

After appointment to the police force, the officers receive Departmental in-service training and attend the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Indiana where they must successfully complete the 400 hour ten week training in all phases of law enforcement. All of the officers of the Munster Police Department are graduates of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. The Department also enrolls police personnel in specialized short courses at various universities. Such courses deal with police management, police community relations, psychology, criminal investigation, juvenile delinquency, law, etc. The Department encourages its officers to pursue formal education at the local colleges and universities. Approximately 90% of the police personnel have enrolled or are enrolled in such academic institutions pursuing or having received a certificate, associate degree or BA degree in either law enforcement, sociology or related fields.

The civilian personnel of the Police Department is comprised of four communications personnel, one secretary and one records clerk. There are also nine school crossing guards under the direction and authority of the Police Department. The communications personnel are responsible for the receiving and transmitting of all routine and emergency calls requiring police or fire services, logging of all police and fire communications, operating the communications terminal computer, monitoring the console hold-up, burglary and fire alarm panel for the banks and commercial establishments. All of these services are rendered on a twenty four hour basis.

Besides general service in public safety and law enforcement services, the Department has undertaken special projects such as bicycle safety and enforcement program, "Officer Friendly" program to elementary grades, and other presentations to schools, civic and service groups on drug abuse, drivers education and other related subjects.

Submitted by

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Louis Beratis  
Chief of Police

November 27, 1975

# Munster Pool Corporation

P. O. Box 3051

Munster, Indiana 46321

April 20, 1976

Munster Historical Society  
725 Broadmoor  
Munster, Indiana 46321

Dear Mrs. Cross,

In response to your request for information regarding the Munster Pool I submit the following:

Year formed: 1955

Why formed: To provide a facility for residents of the town to swim.

First set of officers:	President Tom Cosgrove
	Vice-Pres Mary Hendreckson
	Secretary Don Powers
	Treasurer Bob Weil
	Directors Cecil Brannon, Rebecca Bancroft, Don Ismay, Hazel Skelton, Jane Handley

Current Officers:	President: Harold Lusk
	Vice-Pres Audrey Hager
	Secretary Marion Andrews
	Treasurer Don Johnson
	Directors Dick Johnson, Norman Schoon, Pat Snyder, Roger Casey, Ron Robbins, Holton Easter, Gil Tobias

Pool Manager from inception: Mike Niksic

The Munster Pool feels it has fulfilled its purpose in providing a safe, healthy, enjoyable facility for it's members. In the past (before the AAU swimming competition) our pool had consistantly placed first in competition among the other local pools, a prelude to the successful teams we now enjoy in our town.

In the twenty-one years of operation, much work has been done by volunteers on the board to economically run this facility. We feel they have done a fine job.

Memberships are available for this year's season at "the Pool". Swimming lessons will also be offered again this year.

Sincerely,

*Marion Andrews*

Marion Andrews  
Secretary

## MUNSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Until 1939 Munster received library service from the Gary Public Library in a room supplied by Lanier School. At that time the increase in school enrollment made it necessary to move the book collection to a bookmobile.

In 1944 a 20' x 20' building was purchased and moved to the north-east corner of Ridge Road and Howard Avenue. Total cost of the building, furnishings and 2000 books was less than \$4000.00. Furnishings consisted of shelving, a study table and six chairs, librarians' desk and chair and a coal burning space heater.

A complete record of persons serving as librarian in this building is not available, but the one with longest service was Mrs. Clarence (Jenny) Keller, or as she was more popularly known, "Grandma Keller". Library hours were Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., but Mrs. Keller enjoyed it so much that she spent most of her time there. During the winter, she came in early to build a fire in the stove to warm up the room before patrons began coming in. There was no water and no washroom so she depended on the kindness of neighbors for these facilities. Grandma Keller died in April, 1951, at age 83 years, and was sorely missed by everyone.

After a month or so of substitute librarians supplied by Gary Public Library, Mrs. Walter (Evelyn) Freese was hired and began work in June, 1951.

How Grandma Keller withstood the wintery winds that whistled under the flimsy building is not known; but Evelyn

Freese heated a brick on the stove, put it in a cardboard box under the desk and wrapped a blanket around her legs. Fortunately this lasted for only a couple of winters, as Mrs. Wilhemina Kaske, a prominent resident of Munster donated a piece of property across the road for the location of a new library building to be built by the Library Board.

With only \$10,000 in the building fund, the people of Munster were canvassed and \$7,700 was raised. A building planned to house a collection of 5000 books was erected, but it was little more than a shell. In order to complete it, Munster residents donated furnishings, labor and materials. When the time came for the move, Evelyn Freese tied the books in bundles and the Boy Scouts relayed the bundles across Ridge Road to the new building. It consisted of a large Reading Room on the first floor, a large basement which had space for meetings, furnace room, two washrooms and a kitchen. It was dedicated in August of 1953 with Mrs. Samuel (Ruth) Berg cutting the ribbon. At the time of dedication the Lake County Library Board consisted of

Mrs. Sam Berg  
Mrs. Roy Hausman  
James Watt, Jr.  
Mrs. L.H. Montfort  
Roscoe Protsman  
Harold Canner  
Anthony Cefali.

Furnishings in the Main Reading Room were blonde shelving, two reading tables with chairs in the adult section, one table with chairs in the childrens section, and the librarian's desk and chair. In the old building the only service we were able to offer was the Summer Reading Program for elementary grade children. In the new one we had room for meetings and began

Story Hour sessions for the pre-schoolers. As the book collection increased, the Main Reading Room was soon outgrown, so the Children's Department was moved downstairs. Hours open were increased and part-time staff was employed.

In 1958 the Lake County Library Board decided to withdraw from the Gary Public Library system and supply their own services to the township libraries. In December 1959 the office of the first director of the Lake County Public Library system was in a small room next to the Main Reading Room at Munster. Then it was moved to a central library building in Merrillville. This room was then used for extra shelving and as a study room. More services were added--a film collection, record collection and privilege of requesting materials from the Indiana State Library. By now the building was bulging at the seams, with books stacked in every available space.

All the other LCPL librarians were in the same predicament. After much consideration the board asked for passage of a \$1,500,000 bond issue to enable them to build. This issue was passed by the voters at a regular election. At this time the board consisted of:

Mrs. R. Hausman  
Harold Canner  
Roscoe Pretzman  
Mrs. Wm. Misch  
Mrs. Sam Berg  
Mr. Anthony Cefali

Munster's new building on Calumet Ave. was one of the last of the 13 libraries constructed. Option on land near the Community park was taken in August 1965. After much discussion and negotiation, the site was confirmed in April, 1966. Groundbreaking was held in Jan, 1967, and the new

library was dedicated Mar. 3, 1968. At this time the board members were:

Harold C. Canner  
Anthony Cefali  
Mary Lou Misch  
Wm. C. Calvert  
Ruth Berg  
Thelma Hausman  
Roscoe Protzman.

The old building was sold to the town and now houses the Police Department.

The new building included a large Main Reading Room with shelving capacity for 25,000 books and furnished with about 20 reading tables with 4 chairs each. It had a large charge out desk, office, 3 washrooms, a staff lounge, kitchen and meeting room.

This time the moving was more complicated. Books were packed in boxes, the Munster Womans Club assisting on this job. Then the boxes were trucked to the new library and unpacked by Evelyn Freese and her staff--Marie Bock and Christine Cisar, assisted by the Junior Woman's Club. The entire move and arrzngement of shelves took 3 days. As before Munster residents were generous to us. The Junior Woman's Club donated furnishings for the meeting room and the Dwyer Unit Kitchen, also a film projector. The Woman's Club presented an oil painting by Barbara Meeker; the Welcome Wagon Club contributed a set of national and state flags; and the Homemakers Club a statuette, Riant Child.

With the library open 64 hours a week and increased circulation, the staff was enlarged to 3 full time people, 1 part time and 3 student assistants. Services were increased too, with club meetings, film programs and

lectures.

In 1972 Charlotte Picha, a professional librarian with a Masters Degree in Library Science, was engaged as Branch Head, with Evelyn Freese as an assistant. With her advent more ambitious programs were initiated. Two more bank of shelving have brought the capacity up to 30,000 books at this time.

Evelyn Freese retired in December of 1975 after 24½ years of rewarding service.

The present board is:

John Dreesen  
Mrs. Samuel Berg  
Harold Canner  
Anthony Cefali  
Mary Lou Misch  
Janel Lindahl  
James Reyome

Evelyn Freese  
April 1976

### THE METAL SCULPTURES

The history of the Calumet Region, from Indians to farmers to steel workers, is captured for us by artist Fred Holly who has created three figures representing the American Indian who originally inhabited the Munster area, the farmer who worked the land, and the steel worker whose efforts have transformed our area into a thriving metropolis. The figures will be created from Corten steel (a steel which never needs painting) which will be made available through the generosity of U.S. Steel Company. The figures will be fabricated with equipment and in an area made available by Munster Steel Company. Additional expenses and costs will be underwritten by the Munster Rotary Club with the help of generous Munster citizens and businesses.

### THE SCULPTOR

Fred Holly studied art at the University of Indiana, Art Institute of Chicago, and the Academy of Fine Art, and has obtained the degrees of BFA and MFA. His work is exhibited at the Town Gallery of Munster, and his studio is located at 518 Conkey Street, Hammond.

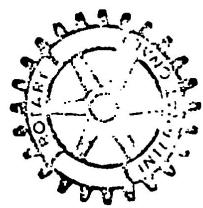
### TIME OF DEDICATION

It is anticipated that these sculptures will be completed and dedicated in ceremonies to be held in July of 1976, through the joint cooperation of the Munster Rotary Club, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Munster and the Town of Munster American Revolution Bi-Centennial Commission. The magnitude of this project is unsurpassed anywhere in the northern Indiana area, and it is anticipated that we will receive national recognition and publicity as the time of dedication approaches. It is the hope and expectation of the Munster Rotary Club that this monument, when completed, will be a source of pride and inspiration to Munster residents for many years to come.

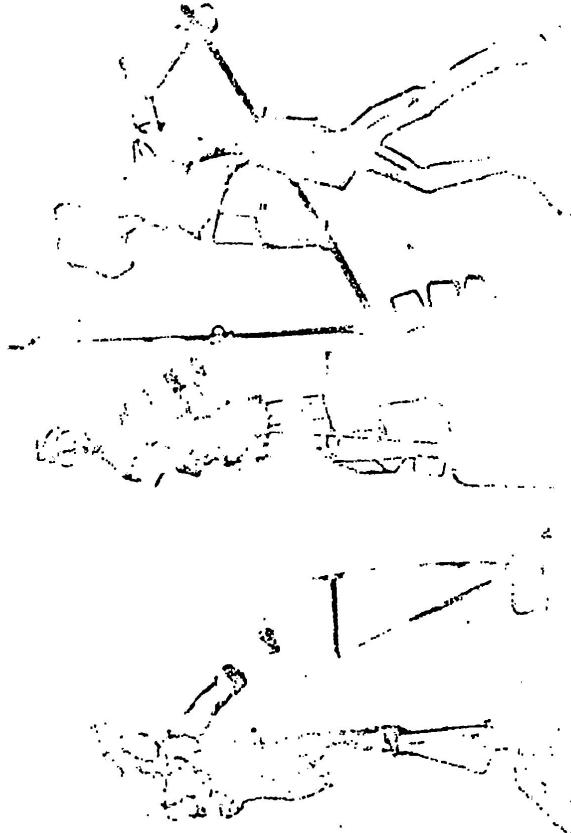
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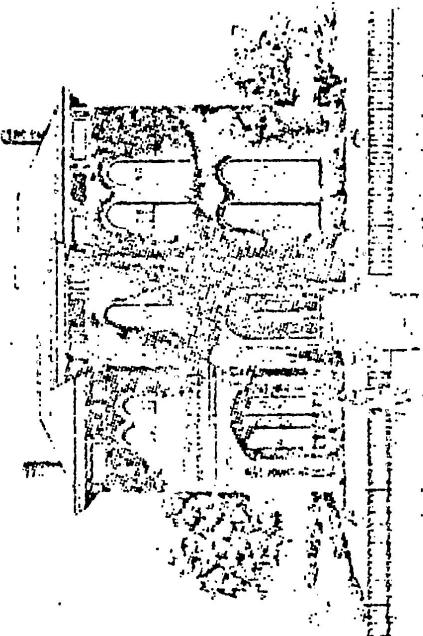
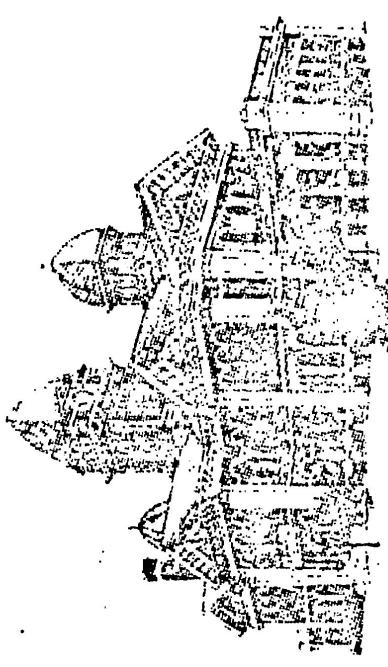
By purchasing the series of prints, you can make an important contribution toward the success of this venture. In addition to creating the sculpture monument, the Munster Rotary Club plans to landscape the park area in which the sculptures will be located. If you wish to contribute to the fund that will be used to underwrite the expenses attending this project, your cash contributions will be greatly appreciated, and if made payable to the Munster Rotary Club, will be tax deductible. Please send your check to: Munster Rotary Club, Post Office Box 3241, Munster, Indiana 46321, and indicate that it should be used for the "Munster Historical Sculpture".

# Series to fund Munster Sculpture



Munster Rotary Club





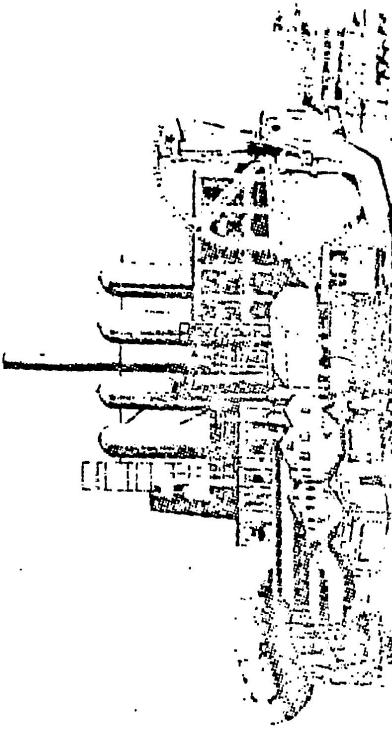
Individual prints and the series of prints may be purchased at the Town Gallery, 27 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana, telephone: 836-6230. They may also be purchased from any member of the Munster Rotary Club. These would make beautiful personal or business, holiday, birthday, or anniversary gifts or donations to public buildings such as hospitals, schools, or libraries.

#### ABOUT THE PRINTS

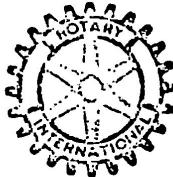
Munster Rotary Club has commissioned well known local artists to create a series of art reproductions of historical buildings. Proceeds from the sale of these prints will be used to help underwrite the construction and erection of three large metal figures, approximately fifteen feet tall, on land owned by the Town of Munster at the corner of Ridge Road and Columbia Avenue. The sculpture figures have been designed and will be constructed under the supervision of artist Fred Holly, assisted by Bill Ores.

First in the series was a reproduction of a pen and ink drawing by former Munster artist, Karen Campbell, of the historical old Court House in Crown Point, Indiana. Second in the series is a pen and ink drawing of the home of Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley, in Indianapolis, created by Munster artist, Joanne O'Connor. Third in the series is a composite pen and ink drawing by Karen Campbell of historical buildings at Inland Steel Company. These prints are fast becoming collector's items.

Each print sells individually for the sum of \$7.50. The first in the series, a rendition of the County Court House in Crown Point, Indiana, is sold out. However, the Munster Rotary Club is making available all three prints at a special price of \$21.00. Included in this group of three prints will be a second series issue of the Court House print. This second series issue is not signed by the artist, but in quality it is similar to the first series. The Court House in the second series will not be sold individually.



# Munster Rotary Club



January 5, 1976

To: Mr. Jerry Gillespie  
President  
Munster Historical Society  
725 Broadmoor Street  
Munster, Indiana 46321

From: Hal Hester

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

The Munster Rotary Club was chartered on January 30, 1969. The Gary Rotary Club was the sponsoring club. Mr. James Johnson, then a member of the Gary Rotary, was the primary catalyst for the formation of the new club's charter membership, and subsequently became the first president.

Following is a list of the Munster Rotary Club presidents, and the years of their terms:

James Johnson - 1969-70  
Harry Koester - 1970-71  
Edward Tieman - 1971-72  
George Jen - 1972-73  
William Snow - 1973-74  
Hal Hester - 1974-75  
Don Bozis - 1975-76

Several key objects of Rotary are: The development of high ethical standards in business and professions, the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve his society, and the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

Some achievements of Munster Rotary are: Providing funds for Munster's tree planting program, Little League, Athletic Association equipment and trophies, underwriting a nutritional project to keep 32 children in Anand, India from going blind, sponsoring a policeman of the year award to the outstanding policeman in Munster, and underwriting three large metal sculptures to be erected at the corner of Ridge Road and Columbia Avenue. (See brochure enclosed regarding the sculpture and Bicentennial Print series.)

History of Munster Woman's Club

Munster, Indiana

The first meeting of the Munster Woman's Club was held on June 25, 1951. A few members of the Munster Junior Woman's Club organized the new club for women over thirty five. At the second meeting Mrs. Ralph Cox met the ladies. She was then President of the Lake County Federation of Woman's Clubs. At this meeting the new club was organized.

The following items were decided:

1. Name: Munster Woman's Club
2. The club was to serve an intermediate group, too old for the Junior Club and not old enough for a Senior Woman's Club.

In July of 1951 the third meeting was held with Mrs. Archie Thomas serving as temporary chairman. This meeting took place at the home of Mrs. Irvin Hamlin. An election of officers was held.

President: Mrs. Robert Garvey

Vice President: Mrs. William Kennel

Second Vice President: Mrs. John Alexander

Recording Secretary: Mrs. John Shaber

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Malcolm Hicks

Treasurer Mrs. Norman Batesan

Parliamentarian: Mrs. Robert Adair

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First Board Meeting: August 2, 1951

First Club Meeting: September 17, 1951

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Purpose of the Club: Mutual Improvement of the individual and the community.

Number of charter members 22

Membership in 1976: 50

Projects for club

1951-52 Donated \$100.00 To Munster Library Fund

1952-53 Dressed 60 Dolls for Hammond Cheer Project

1953-54 Donated \$100 to Girl Scout Fund

1954-55 Donated \$350 to Girl Scout Shelter house

1955-56 Initiated and backed project for a Community Swimming Pool.

Donated \$200.00 to start campaign. Members made up the committees to carry on the project in conjunction with other civic groups.

The club is represented by members at the Town Board, The School Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, Plan Commission, Munster Emergency Fund, and Munster Consolidated Health and Welfare Fund,

Annually was responsible for booth at Fall Festival

Started the Civil Defense Program in the Fifties

Participated in first Polio Drive

Enclosed is the Year Book for our 25th year. In this book is listed all past presidents, and the dates they served, and our present membership. Also our place of meetings, dates, etc.

The Saint Thomas More Altar and Rosary Society was founded on April 8, 1946. The first meeting was held in the home of the temporary chairman, Mrs. Frank Galvin. The purpose of the Society was to help in the organization and assist in any way possible the planning of the new parish.

On May 8, 1946 the first officers were sworn in by the pastor, Father Robert Weis. They were:

President - Mrs. John Halfen  
Vice Pres.- Mrs Martin Swanson  
Secretary - Mrs. James Turner  
Treasurer - Mrs John Madalon

The following is a list of presidents and their terms of office.

1947 - 1948	--- Mrs. E.Kritzer
1948 - 1949	--- Mrs. H.Gahagan
1949 - 1950	--- Mrs. P. Mueller
1950 - 1951	--- Mrs. O'Hern
1951 - 1952	--- Mrs. R. Weil
1952 - 1953	--- Mrs. R. Gibney
1953 - 1954	--- Mrs. E. Kovach
1954 - 1955	--- Mrs. M. Tilka
1955 - 1956	--- Mrs. J. Beckman

During these first 10 years the Society held many rummage sales and held an annual card party. Other annual events were pantry showers for the Sisters, a Church picnic, and the childrens Christmas party.

In 1956 the group helped in the planning of the 10 year Anniversary Dinner. The president that year was:

1956 - 1957	--- Mrs. E. Jusko
1957 - 1958	--- Mrs. R. Meisterling
1958 - 1959	--- Mrs. J. Bower
1959 - 1960	--- Mrs. R. Maldoon

It was this year that the Scholarship Program was set up for a worthy child to use towards Catholic Highschool education.

1960 - 1961	--- Mrs. W. Stiles
1961 - 1962	--- Mrs. E. Miller
1962 - 1963	--- Mrs. J. Kowalczyk
1963 - 1964	--- Mrs. W. Klage
1964 - 1965	--- Mrs. J. Bogner
1965 - 1966	--- Mrs. J. Horvatich
1966 - 1967	--- Mrs. E. Schwalgler
1967 - 1968	--- Mrs. R. Nelson
1968 - 1969	--- Mrs. R. Austgen

1969 - 1970	--- Mrs. T. Pajor
1970 - 1971	--- Mrs. E. Sidor
1971 - 1972	--- Mrs. Seigler
1972 - 1973	--- Mrs. R. Hummfer
1973 - 1974	--- Mrs. C. Clark
1974 - 1975	--- Mrs. J. Cooney
1975 - 1976	--- Mrs. W. McKenna
1976 - 1977	--- Mrs. J. Arent

During these years the Society sponsored pot-luck dinners, Christmas and Birthday parties for the patients of Beatty Memorial Hospital, held an Annual Family Dinner, collected clothes for the Catholic Bishop's Relief Fund, and supplies linens and flowers for the Church altar. Purchases of needed supplies have also been made for the School and the cafeteria. During the coming year the Society is planning on compiling recipes and making a cook book to be sold.

November 15, 1975

Alene Cross  
Munster Historical Society  
725 Broadmoor  
Munster, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Cross:

In the summer of 1956 a group of women in Munster decided to form a Welcome Wagon Club to help women who had moved to Munster and needed to become acquainted with their new surroundings. The club is strictly a social club with all proceeds from money-making events going to charitable organizations. The club year begins in June and ends in May. Each member is asked to pay a \$4.00 annual dues, due in September of each year.

Members are asked to serve on at least one committee per year and to donate to at least one money-making project.

Meetings are held in the meeting room of Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association, 1720 45th Ave., Munster, Indiana, on the third Monday of each month, at 7:30 P.M..

Object of Welcome Wagon Clubs:

To take an active interest in the Civic, Social and Moral Welfare of the Community.

To promote and encourage good citizenship, as well as Good Government.

To aid our Country and Community through the gift of our time and our energy for worthy purposes.

From: Welcome Wagon International, Inc., Club Constitution and By-Laws.

Motto:

"There are no strangers in a Welcome Wagon Community... just friends we have not met."

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Club Prayer

"We thank Thee for the privilege of assembling here today in fellowship.

Help us to understand each other and to be grateful for the new bonds of friendship made possible through this association.

Keep us ever mindful of Thy admonition to entertain the stranger in our midst, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Help us to make the world a bit brighter and guide us into better citizenship in our community. Bless the homes represented here today, and may our lives be richer for having met.

IN THY NAME WE ASK IT, AMEN.

Our prayer is through the courtesy of the Rochester, Ind. Club.

OFFICERS

54-54	Lauretta Polisky
55-56	Beverly Grand
56-57	Vera Malovance
58-59	Mrs. Donald Calahan
60-61	Mrs. Edward Charlson - Mrs. Thomas J. O'Connell
61-62	Evelyn Phelan
62-63	Mrs. Paul Erickson - Karge Van Inwegen
63-64	Elsie Figuly
64-65	Marcia Betcher
65-66	Phyllis Crockett
66-67	Betty Holt
67-68	Helen Gold
68-69	Rose Andrews
69-70	Ruth Cox
70-71	Barbara Kudale
71-72	Sharon Crosby
72-73	Sue Gorby
73-74	Pat Heddles
74-75	Nancy Buchan
75-76	Carole Moore

Sincerely,

Judy Gross  
Corresponding Secretary  
Munster Welcome Wagon

# First Baptist Church of Munster

8635 CALUMET AVENUE, MUNSTER, INDIANA 46321

HOWARD G. NESS, Pastor  
1334 Fisher Street, Munster, Ind.

Office Phone — 836-9110 Area Code 219  
Res. Phone — 972-9563 Area Code 219

## HISTORY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MUNSTER

The present First Baptist Church of Munster was formed in May 1961 with the merger of two small churches - First Baptist Church of Munster and Maywood Baptist Church of Hammond. The total membership of 154 was made up of 81 from Maywood and 73 from Munster. Worship began in borrowed facilities (a funeral parlor, Town Hall and a kindergarten) while Fellowship Hall was under construction. Ground was broken for this on Oct. 7th, 1962 and was dedicated on Oct. 20, 1963. The present narthex and offices were begun in 1966 and completed in 1967.

The first minister of the present church was Rev. Claude Fulks of the old Munster church. He left in 1964 and Rev. George King and Mr. Gilbert LaFrance acted as interim pastors until Rev. Charles Macrander began his ministry in Jan. 1965. He remained until 1967 when Dr. Cletis Brown acted as interim until Rev. Lyle Lee began his ministry. He remained with us from 1967 until 1972 at which time Rev. Howard Ness was called to begin his present ministry.

In the 14 years of the life of this church we have baptised 74 people or an average of a little over 5 per year and have lost 20 members by death or an average of a little over 1 per year. The average membership during the 9 years of the 60's was 173. During the first 5 years of the 70's, average membership has increased to 199.

The church doors have always been open to community groups for meetings. The people of the church have also taken part in working with migrant workers, holding or helping with community Vacation Bible Schools, Munster Ministerial Association, Brooks House in Hammond, American Baptist Foster Home in Gary, Munster Human

Relations Council, Munster Drug Abuse Program, Munster Community Park Association, Red Cross Blood Program, Hammond Hot Line, Youth Coffee Houses, and are presently sponsoring a Nursery School. The church has been a meeting place for a Musical Kindergarten, Story Hours, various choral groups, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

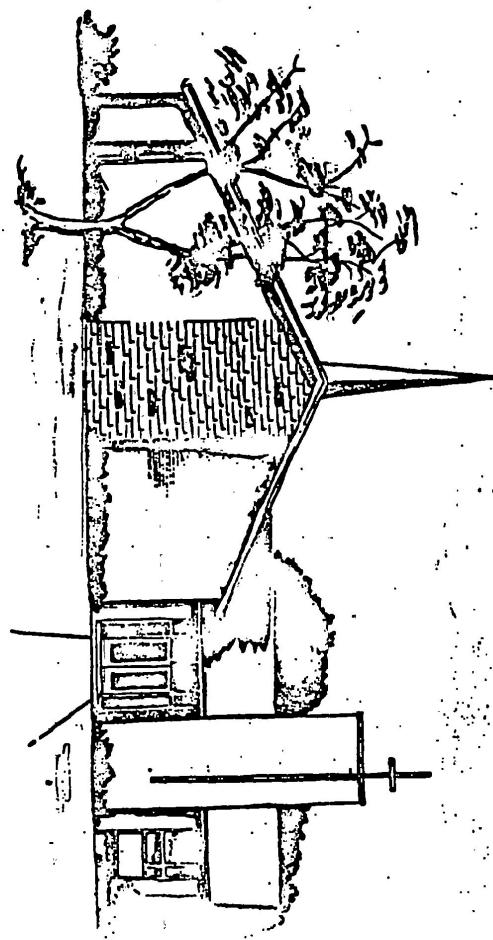
The format of the church worship service has been growing more liberal through the years even though the basic beliefs are conservative. We are a member of the American Baptist Churches, Indiana Baptist Convention of Churches and the Northwestern Association of Baptist Churches. We are sure that the Lord wants us to lead a happy and joyful life in all areas of our life including worship, thus a more liberal form of worship.

If you have any other questions which we could answer for you, please call Mrs. Dorothy Currie, phone number 838-7830. Thank you for your interest.

# First Church of God

900 RIDGEWAY OFF CALUMET

MUNSTER, IND.



**A BRIEF HISTORY:**

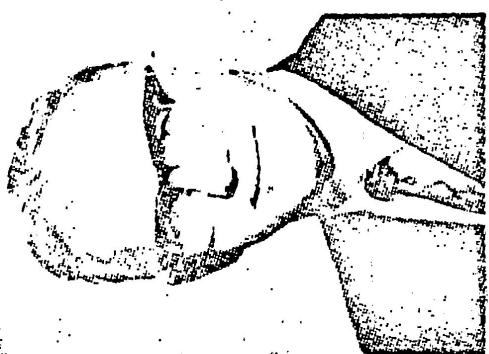
Beginning with prayer meetings in homes, this congregation organized in 1935. A store building at 32½ State Street, Hammond, was the first meeting place, moving then to a house at 5447 Webster. A second store building at 618 Conkey was to provide larger facilities, while the congregation established their first "Building Fund" encouraged by their pastor, Rev. Charles O. Thrall. This fund enabled them to purchase the property at 604-1/3rd In 1944 and in 1947 work began on that church building under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. J. O. Bradley.

During the summer of 1950 this church was dedicated and the congregation grew under the leadership of Rev. John Boback and Rev. J. Russell Lee. Because expansion problems on the 173rd Street site were not able to be worked out, the congregation secured new property. Six lots on River Drive in Munster were purchased and later sold when the opportunity to purchase the present site at 900 Ridgeway was presented to the congregation through the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Homer Murrell.

During these years of growth this congregation also assisted in the establishing of a church at Schererville and at Black Oak through voluntary labor, contributions and leadership.

*Cecile J. - Oct, 1964*  
The present pastor, Rev. Lynn H. Smith, has led the congregation in the development of the new church building, given guidance in the financing efforts, and helped in the supervision of the construction in close coordination with the Building Committee, and Louis N. Wayland, Chairman.

*FIRST Service - May 26, 1968*  
The present building has a total of 10,300 square feet and provides a beautiful sanctuary seating 230 with overflow areas providing two adult classrooms. There is a nursery with bathroom adjacent to a crib room as well as the pastor's study on the first floor. The basement has a very large fellowship room, a very adequate kitchen, four large classrooms, restroom facilities, a clerk's office, storage and the furnace room.



Pastor Lynn H. Smith B.A., R.D.

It is not often that a church comes to a point of new beginning. However, it is true with this congregation with respect to a building and a community. There are naturally questions which may be asked by many. Doubtless one of the biggest tasks of life is to be known and understood.

The Church of God is a movement of people believing in Jesus Christ as Saviour. One of its primary emphases is the restoration of the principles and practices of the New Testament church. Thus the Church endeavors to take a position of openness on the Godward side to all truth and openness on the manward side to fellowship with all God's people everywhere. The Church is recognized as a fellowship of persons who by spiritual birth have become members of the family of God.

Ever before us is the task of friendship, good will, and a cooperative spirit toward the community and its occupants. It is our hope that both the community and our church might become better for the association which we have together.

If at any time you would wish to visit our church, the schedule of services are as follows:

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

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|------------|------------------|
| 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School    |
| 10:30 a.m. | Morning Worship  |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Youth Fellowship |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Evening Service  |

**WEDNESDAY**

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|-----------|------------------|
| 7:30 p.m. | Mid-Week Service |
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October 27, 1975

Munster Historical Society

Munster, Indiana 46321

Attn: Mr. Jerry Gillespie, President

Dear Mr. Gillespie,

In response to your letter of September 8th, attached find the brief historical record of the Ridge United Methodist Church.

At our Annual Conference this summer, a new pastor, Reverend Richard Kistler was assigned to our church.

If any further information is needed, kindly contact the writer.



H. R. Hayes  
7949 State Line St.  
Munster, Indiana 46321

For:

RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HRH/mf  
Encl

## HISTORY OF RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In May of 1955, the Ridge Methodist Church group was formed with about nineteen families interested in establishing a Methodist Church in Munster. This group worked closely with the Methodist Conference and in September of 1955 were organized by the Northwest Indiana Annual Conference as the Ridge United Methodist Church with twenty-nine members constituting the organizing group.

First services were held in the Independence Park Community Hall with a student from Garrett Institute by the name of William Brown filling the pulpit until February 1956 when Reverend Charles Blackman was assigned as the full-time pastor.

Working under adverse conditions in the Independence Park Community Hall and because of growth, the church was able to arrange for the use of the second floor of the Munster Town Hall. During these times, storage of equipment was a major problem, and was done mostly by using the trunks of people's cars.

Eventually the congregation grew to sufficient proportion to require additional facilities, and Ridge was fortunate in being able to use the facilities of the Burns Funeral Home on Calumet Avenue just south of Ridge Road for the worship services and the Town Hall continued to be used for the Church School.

Shortly thereafter, the congregation purchased 4.7 acres of land on the corner of 35th and Columbia Avenue from the Beaker family and in November 1960 the Cornerstone was laid. The church complex was designed by an architect in Kokomo, Indiana, Mr. Williams, who at that time was exclusively designing church structures. The Fellowship Hall portion of this complex was the first to be constructed at a cost of about \$125,000.

On Sunday, April 21, 1961, the first worship service was held in this new structure.

The church continued to grow and in 1975 had a membership of approximately 450 people. During this period of time, the church was served by Reverend William Blessing, Reverend Ronald Williams, Reverend Paul Stephenson and presently by the Reverend Richard Kistler.

Improvements have continually been made and in 1973-74 the Fellowship Hall was renovated; and a new altar area and stainedglass windows installed adding much to the worship atmosphere.

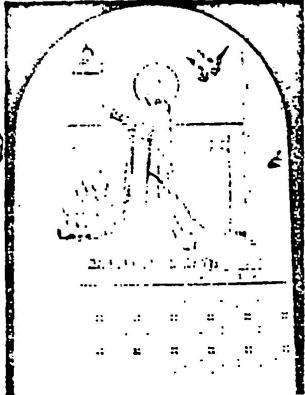
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History of Ridge United Methodist Church (continued)

The church has been active in its twenty years in Church School education for all ages from Beginners through Adults; has Junior and Senior Youth organizations; has an active Women's Society and a Men's Group; is involved in a cluster group with other churches in the area, and has participated in a number of ecumenical affairs.

The church continues to develop new ideas and programs and is an effective influence in the community.

October 27, 1975



# Saint Josaphat

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



8624 WHITE OAK  
MUNSTER, INDIANA 46321  
A.C. 219 - 923-0984

The Munster Historical Society  
Mrs. Alene Cross  
725 Broadmoor Avenue  
Munster, Ind. 46321

November 18, 1975

Dear Mrs. Cross,

In answer to the request of Mr. Jerry Gillespie, President of the Munster Historical Society, I am enclosing the following information, along with a dedication booklet pertaining to the history of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Chruch.

The church of St. Josaphat, at 1500 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana, is the Catholic Church by faith, and follows the custom of the Byzantine-Ukrainian Rite. The parish of this way of worship was first formed in the house of Theodore and Stephania Dzioba at 7113 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, on November 30, 1958. Nine families under the leadership of Rev. Joseph Shary, pastor of St. Joseph Ukrainian Church in Chicago, decided to have their own church. The first St. John Chrysostom Mass in the Ukrainian and Slavonic language was celebrated on January 1, 1959, in the store building at 6214 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

On May 8, 1959, the property and house, which was turned into the first church was purchased at 7034 Columbia Avenue. On May 17, 1959, the first Mass was celebrated in this little church by Father Vladimir Wiwcharosky. On September 18, 1959, a rectory was purchased at 1123 - 170th Place. On September 9, 1963, the property at 1500 Ridge Road & White Oak Avenue in Munster was obtained for the construction of the present St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church and church hall.

On November 10, 1968, there was a solemn dedication of St. Josaphat Church in Munster, Indiana.

The first pastor who established and served in St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic parish in Hammond, Indiana, was Father Joseph Shary from St. Joseph Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chicago, Illinois. His assistant, Father Vladimir Wiwcharosky, served in the parish from May 17, 1959, to September 30, 1960. On September 30, 1960, the Rev. Raymond Kostiuk was assigned as pastor of the parish. He served until February, 1964. On February 9, 1964, Rev. Joseph Martyniuk was assigned as the new pastor of the parish, serving until September, 1970. After him, Monsignor Walter Paska, the Chancellor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of Chicago, served in the parish for two months, until the Very Rev. Canon Walter W. Wozniak was assigned as pastor to this parish on November 1, 1970.

Enclosed are pitures of both churches and pastors. in the dedication booklet.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Walter W. Wozniak*

Very Rev. Canon Walter W. Wozniak  
Pastor of St. Josaphat Ukrainian  
Catholic Church.

*recd 10-3-75*

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#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church was begun through the efforts of Candidate of Theology C. Fred Goetze, who came to Hammond in the Fall of 1933 with the hope of establishing a congregation.

The first worship service was held October 22, 1933, in the Edward Hildebrandt home, 7442 Jackson Avenue, Hammond. This arrangement continued until January 1, 1934.

Those who had been gathered by Mr. Goetze petitioned President M.B.F. Doermann of the Illinois District, American Lutheran Church, to grant them mission status in the Spring of 1934. God's answer came as cash loans from Trinity Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Oak Lawn, Illinois, the Chicago Lutheran Mission Society, and Mr. John Benck of Blue Island, Illinois. The lot at 171st and Madison was rented from realtor Clyde Ellyson for \$5 per month. St. Luke's first church home, a chapel seating 100, was dedicated on the Feast of Epiphany, January 6, 1935.

The congregation became a mission charge of the Illinois District in June, 1935. Candidate Goetze was extended a Call by the Chicago Lutheran Mission Society, and was ordained and installed as the first Pastor on June 2, 1935. He served St. Luke's until December 31, 1945.

Formal organization of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church took place on May 30, 1937. The bungalow next to the church was purchased as a parsonage in July, 1937. In September of that year, the church lot was purchased at a cost of \$150, with the understanding that the congregation would pay back taxes and assessments of about \$1,200,000.

July 10, 1940, saw the start of remodeling work. Re-dedication of the building took place May 18, 1941.

Two short pastorates followed. Pastor Walter Wietzke served St. Luke's from 1946 - 1947. Then came Pastor John L. Sealing, 1947-1948.

Pastor Elmer S. Nicholson, former missionary to India, arrived in 1948. During his ministry here, the first steps were taken toward rebuilding. These plans were temporarily laid aside with his forced retirement because of health in 1955.

Pastor Richard W. Miller assumed his duties in May, 1955. In time, the desire for relocation developed. Purchase of the present two-acre site was approved in November, 1957. Ground was broken for the new building on May 16, 1958, and the dedication took place December 14. The building was constructed that succeeding units could be added with relative ease. During Pastor Miller's time here, the parsonage was moved by purchase of the house at 7825 Catalpa Avenue, Hammond.

In July, 1963, Pastor Miller followed the Call of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Evansville, Indiana. Pastor George Frederick was installed in September of that year. During his pastorate the parsonage was moved to 8744 Calumet Avenue, Munster. Pastor Frederick terminated his ministry at St. Luke's on September 27, 1970 and he accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Chenoa, Illinois.

The present pastor, Rev. Harvey E. Feustel, Jr., began his pastoral ministry at St. Luke's on December 6, 1970. During his ministry he has seen the fruits of a steadily increasing membership due to a solid ground work laid in the past and reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit. Also during his ministry the Vestry of the church saw it necessary to strengthen its ministry to youth. This was accomplished by hiring Mr. Jim Arends to work as a youth consultant three days a month. Mr. Arends began his work at St. Luke's in October of 1974.

During October of 1974 the congregation voted to expand its parking lot to more adequately handle the parking problems. This is significant in the life of St. Luke's as it does show a willingness to progress and that the ministry of St. Luke's has attracted a number of new families.

Since its beginning, St. Luke's has been a faithful congregation. We have been blessed with many dedicated Christian people, but have suffered the effects of a highly mobile population. We believe that we have been a blessing to many who are no longer a part of our worshipping and serving family.

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CHRONOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 1959, Logansport Presbytery made a survey of our area and determined that a Presbyterian Church should be established in Munster sometime in the future. In the fall of 1961, eight families, residents of Munster and members of the First Presbyterian Church of Hammond, felt that it has been talked about long enough and it was time for action.

The proper authorities of Synod were contacted to determine the steps to be taken.

### October 22, 1961

A public meeting was held in Town Hall to determine the interest in forming a Presbyterian church in Munster. Twenty-nine families expressed desire to affiliate.

### November 5, 1961

After the new church had been approved by the Logansport Presbytery and the Board of National Missions in New York City, as well as the Lake County Council of Churches, the following Steering Committee was formed: George F. Burbach, chairman; Mrs. David MacGregor, secretary; and Alfred Thompson, treasurer; with the following as members of the Committee: Howard Stuart, Mrs. H. Ross Archer, Thomas Kelley, Eugene Springet, Mrs. Robert Eidam, Michael Niksic, Jack Dietrich, Jack LaForce, George V. Burbach, Thomas Cosgrove, William Kammel, Mrs. Roland Haimbaugh, James Stoddard, Robert Weist and Frank Greiner.

A petition was sent to Logansport Presbytery to accept the Munster group as a mission church.

### January 22, 1962

The Board of National Missions validated the new mission church.

### January 28, 1962

Rev. J. J. Vellenga, Chairman of Presbytery's National Missions Committee, and Rev. Charles Gordon, committee member, met with a group of fifty persons to make plans for Sunday worship services. The Rev. Gerald Gregg attended the meeting at Dr. Vellenga's request.

### February 12, 1962

The Rev. Herman McCoy of Highland Presbyterian Church preached for our second Sunday's service. The Rev. Gerald Gregg preached at the Highland Church with a group of the Steering Committee in attendance. After the service the Steering Committee met with other members and agreed to extend a call to Rev. Gerald Gregg to become organizing minister.

### February 11, 1962

First weekly newsletter was issued.

The first worship service was held in Independence Park Community Club House, with the Rev. Russell Bisnett of Gary Lakeside Presbyterian Church preaching. Eighty persons were in attendance, with thirty-three children meeting in the Town Hall with Mrs. Thomas Kelley acting as superintendent. A nursery school was held in the home of the George Burbachs with Mrs. Donald Cornwell in charge. Photos of the first service were taken by Charles Simmons, who served as church photographer.

### February 7, 1962

First weekly newsletter was issued.

### February 4, 1962

Gary Brunswick Presbyterian Church gave \$200 to assist "the Munster mission". An invitation was received from the Christian Reformed Church of Munster to use their building and facilities on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. The invitation was gratefully accepted. Mr. Jerry Van Wieren, the organist, and Mr. C. Boender, custodian of the church, agreed to serve our congregation.

The first meeting of a Youth Fellowship group was held with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Niksic and Mrs. George V. Burbach as advisers. Officers elected were Linda Cosgrove, moderator; Lynda Skogan, vice moderator; and Patricia Benson, secretary.

### February 25, 1962

The worship service was held for the first time in the beautiful Christian Reformed Church, with the Rev. Jacob J. Vellenga preaching. Church School was held in the basement at the same hour. The first choir was organized with Jack Keener as director.

The call to the Rev. Gerald Gregg to become our organizing minister was accepted.

February 28, 1962

An informal meeting of interested women of the church met at the home of Mrs. George F. Burbach to discuss organization of women's groups.

March 14, 1962

The first meeting of the Women's Association elected Mrs. Robert Weist as president, Mrs. Ross Wilson, secretary.

April 1, 1962

The Rev. Gregg, as organizing minister, preached his first sermon to the congregation, officially, beginning his pastorate.

April, 1962

A marble at 512 School Street was purchased. Harold Bohling offered the former Bohling's Nursery building for a church office at 1531 Ridge Road, which was accepted with thanks.

June 26, 1962

New committees were announced with Mrs. Thomas Kelley, Superintendent of the Church School; New Life Committee, Howard Stuart, chairman; General Missions Committee, Roland Haimbaugh, chairman; Public Relations Committee, Robert Weist, chairman; Inter-communications Committee, George F. Burbach, chairman; Stewardship Committee, Thomas Cosgrove, chairman; Adult Organizations Committee, Mrs. Robert Weist, chairman; Church and Society Committee, Donald Cornwell, chairman; Christian Education Committee, Mrs. Thomas Cosgrove, chairman; Worship Committee, John S. Keener, chairman; and Organizational Procedure Committee, Thomas Kelley, chairman. An attempt was made to have every member of the Church serve on one of these committees.

August 12, 1962

Committed families made 1,268 visits in Munster homes to invite families without local membership to unite with the new Presbyterian Church.

September 11, 1962

The name of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Munster was voted upon by the congregation and approved by Logansport Presbytery.

September 18, 1962

A large group of members attended the meeting of Logansport Presbytery to present our charter Membership list of 208 names and petition that our new

church be officially organized.

September 30, 1962

A very impressive and moving Service of Organization was held on Sunday afternoon, September 30, 1962 under the leadership of representatives of Logansport Presbytery and with the choir from First United Presbyterian Church of Hammond. The Nominating Committee presented the names of the first Session who also served as Trustees. The following officers were elected:

<u>Class of 1963</u>	<u>Class of 1964</u>	<u>Class of 1965</u>
H. Ross Archer	George F. Burbach	Thomas E. Cosgrove
Donald A. Cornwell	George V. Burbach	Thomas J. Kelley
James G. Stoddart	Roland N. Haimbaugh	William E. Kennel
Howard H. Stuart	John S. Keener	Jack P. LaForce
Robert G. Weist	Alfred L. Thompson	Ralph E. Wagner
Ralph Wagner was named Commissioner to Presbytery.		

October 4, 1962

The formation of small adult study groups was begun, engaging in a variety of study materials. A majority of adult members participated in the study groups.

October 21, 1962

Negotiations for the church building site were reported. The congregation gave approval for the purchase of 3½ acres at Columbia and Elliot. A loan for \$20,000 was applied for from the National Missions Committee. This property was later to be increased by the purchase of 1½ acres fronting on Columbia Avenue.

Our church was featured on a special radio program as an outstanding example of methods in forming new churches.

December 9, 1962

The Junior High Fellowship was organized with sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eidam and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stine.

December 13, 1962

Installation services were held to install the Rev. Gerald Gregg as our first pastor. The Rev. Daniel Fowler, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of South Bend, (Mr. Gregg having served as an assistant pastor at that church for

five years before coming to Munster) was Chairman of the Installing Commission and presided during the service. Mr. Fowler stunned us with the announcement that his church was giving us an outright gift of \$5,000.

At year's end there were 218 members. Our gifts for others during the year totaled \$1,640.

#### January 16, 1963

A Youth Choir for fourth through eighth graders was formed under the direction of Mrs. Anthony Nevers, Sr., with Miss Paula Nevers as accompanist.

#### January 30, 1963

Our first Annual Meeting was held, at which time a Building Board was elected consisting of Jack Dietrich, chairman; William Kennel, vice chairman; Donald Norris, secretary; William Lorenz, financial secretary; L. Cosby Bernard; S. Ross Wilson; Donald Sands; William Pansing; Donald Stuart; Frank Luerssen; and James Rhodes.

#### February 17, 1963

The first meeting of the Sunday morning before-worship adult study group was held.

#### March 3, 1963

A Senior High Church School class was formed to meet in the Church kitchen with teacher Frank Luerssen.

#### April 25, 1963

Session established a "personal interest" relationship with missionary Rev. David G. Gelzer, Ph.D., professor of church history and founder of the new United Theological Seminary in Yaounde, Cameroun, West Africa.

#### May 2, 1963

Our church became a member of the Lake County Council of Churches.  
June 30, 1963  
Purchase of the building site was approved by the congregation and later ratified by Presbytery.

The Building Board was authorized to sign a contract with architects Stade, Dolan, and Anderson.

#### September 26, 1963

Mrs. Robert Blaemire (Donna) was hired as the church secretary.

#### September 30, 1963

The plans for the church building were approved by the congregation.

#### October 13, 1963

The Building Fund Campaign was completed under the leadership of the Rev. Franklin Lane, from the Board of National Missions. 103 members worked in the campaign and pledges were made by 100% of the members, totalling in excess of \$90,000 for a three-year period.

#### December 15, 1963

The congregation voted to establish a Board of Deacons. Year-end totals showed 272 members and \$3,209 given to benevolences.

#### January 19, 1964

The first Board of Deacons was elected during the Annual Meeting.

##### Class of 1964

##### Class of 1965

##### Class of 1966

Mrs. George C. Anderson	Mrs. Randel Q. Little, Jr.	Mrs. J. Gilbert Benson
Mrs. Jack Dietrich	Mrs. Robert C. Messersmith	John B. Moore
Mrs. Donald F. Sands	David W. Ogren	Mrs. Howard H. Stuart
Mrs. S. Ross Wilson	Mrs. Alvin J. Schuler	Richard G. Zopp

#### May 27, 1964

The Building Board was authorized to let the building contract to Ernest Rueht, Inc. for a new church building. The total estimate, including furnishings, came to \$182,000.

#### June, 1964

Ground breaking ceremonies were led by the Rev. Gregg, pastor; Miss Beth Archer, Senior High Moderator; Jack Dietrich, Building Board Chairman; Thomas J. Kelley, Clerk of Session; and the Rev. James W. Sala, North Regional Presbyter, who was such a help in the formation of our church.

#### July, 1964

Many members shared in a unique interdenominational program to provide a remedial school for children of migrant agricultural laborers.

July 13, 1964

The Board of Deacons sponsored three needy youths to summer camp, inaugurating an annual project.

September, 1964

The Deacons began the Area Plan, whereby each deacon was assigned to a neighborhood unit of about fifteen families.

October 4, 1964

The David G. Gelzer family, our missionaries in the Cameroun, made their first visit to our church.

November 1, 1964

The cornerstone-laying ceremony was held. The cornerstone contains original documents, photographs, news items, and list of Charter Members.

November 25, 1964

A joint Thanksgiving Service was held with the Ridge Methodist Church.

Year-end totals were 338 members and \$4,021 given to benevolences.

January 31, 1965

Mr. William Howard Ely began his duties as Director of Music and Organist.

March 28, 1965

A gift of 350 hymn books was presented to our host church, First Christian Reformed Church, expressing our congregation's gratitude for their hospitality for three years.

April 6, 1965

Kenneth Sosby was employed as custodian.

April 11, 1965

A red-letter day: First services were held in our new church on Palm Sunday. Later that day, high winds arose to blow the not-yet-installed steeple onto the roof edge and knocking out a sanctuary window.

May 16, 1965

The dedication service for our new building was held. Special guests were the Rev. Wallace McDonald, Moderator of Lodi'sport Presbytery; Rev. James Sala, Regional Presbyter; Rev. Jacob Vellinga, Pastor of Brunswick United Presbyterian Church; and Rev. Daniel Fowler, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of South Bend.

June 16, 1965

The Organ Dedication Service presented organ selections by Wm. Howard Ely.

June 21, 1965

The first Vacation Church School was held with Mrs. David Purvis as superintendent.

October, 1965

The Stewardship Committee noted our church had received \$24,000 in outright gifts and \$85,000 in low interest loans from the denomination. The Committee called for a significant increase in benevolence items of 1966 budget.

December 12, 1965

The Senior Choir sang a Christmas cantata, "The Wonder of Christmas" by John W. Peterson.

Year-end totals were 425 members and \$4,362 given to benevolences.

January 23, 1966

Our church was host for Inter-Faith Worship Service, sponsored by Northwest Indiana Council of Churches and Roman Catholic Diocese of Gary.

January 26, 1966

The topic of expanding our church building was discussed vigorously at Annual Meeting.

May 2, 1966

The first of six special discussion meetings was held on the proposed Confession of 1967, the first large scale congregational study venture.

May 18, 1966

The Women's Circle held a card party to benefit Kedo School, Christian School in Korea. More than \$400 was raised.

October 16, 1966

Elder Worship Leaders began a program of assisting the pastor with Sunday worship.

Year-end totals were 470 members and \$10,001 to benevolences.

January 29, 1967

Church services were cancelled due to record snow storm!

February, 1967

The Board of Deacons was enlarged from 12 members to 18.

March 1, 1967

Mrs. L. Nick Perdicaris became Director of Music and Organist.

April 18, 1967

Our church members pledged \$6,310 to the Fifty Million Fund for capital expenditures in Presbyterian mission projects.

May 17, 1967

The Morning Circle's benefit for Kedo School raised \$275.

May 27, 1967

Photographs were taken of church families for a pictorial congregational directory.

June 1, 1967

The Church Library was opened with 300 volumes on shelves.

June 4, 1967

The largest-ever New Members Class included 45 youths in the total of 70.

July 9, 1967

The Church School building expansion plan and kitchernette plans were presented to the congregation with expected cost to be \$39,020. The Building Board was Porter Stevens, chairman; Jack Dietrich; Mrs. William Kennel; William Kinder; Jack LaForce; and Mrs. Alvin Schuler.

December 24, 1967

The Senior Choir sang the Christmas portion of Handel's "The Messiah". Year end totals were 583 members and \$11,530 given to benevolences.

February 13, 1968

The Rev. Charles Gordon was hired as part time Christian Education assistant.

February 20, 1968

Boy Scout Troop 283 was formed under church sponsorship.

April, 1968

The new building addition and kitchernette in Fellowship Hall were completed

for usage. The Church School moved into new wing. The Building Board publicized special commendation to Jack LaForce for his "outstanding contributions of time and ability, resulting in substantial savings to the congregation" in the building program.

June, 1968

The Afternoon Women's Circle adopted Cow Creek Mission in Kentucky as their special concern.

June 8, 1968

A joint Vacation Church School began in cooperation with Ridge Methodist Church.

June 16, 1968

The Session sent a letter to the entire congregation describing our church's stand on racial questions.

December 15, 1968

The Senior Choir sang "The Wonder of Christmas" cantata.

December 24, 1968

An early Christmas Eve Service for families was held for the first time in addition to the midnight candlelight worship. Year-end totals were 661 members and \$11,845 given to benevolences.

January 8, 1969

Harold Burgen began duties as custodian.

March 9, 1969

Girl Scouts and families totalling more than 100 attended Girl Scout Sunday breakfast before church services.

March 24, 1969

"The Seven Last Words of Christ" cantata by Theodore Dubois was sung by the Senior Choir.

April 13, 1969

The congregation noted a need for a larger manse. By late summer, the Board of Trustees had sold 512 School Street property and had purchased a home at 8225 Van Buren.

June 16, 1969

This was the first day of a Vacation Church School run by Baptists, Methodists

and Presbyterians in an unusual cooperative venture. A Lutheran curriculum was used.

September 12, 1969

The new Bowling Team of Highland and Munster Presbyterians won its first match. Year-end totals were 695 members and \$11,747 given to benevolences.

January 18, 1970

The deacons began a coffee hour between worship services to enhance fellowship.

March 10, 1970

The Session approved our church's participation in Project Commitment, a six-week program for racial understanding to involve some 1,000 people in Lake County.

March 24, 1970

The Session instructed the Christian Education Committee to proceed in the securing of a full time Christian Education Director as approved by the congregation.

April 19, 1970

The Senior Choir sang Mendelssohn's "Elijah" oratorio.

May 18, 1970

The Senior High Car Wash raised \$47 for the group's foster daughter in Hong Kong.

September 1, 1970

The Rev. Robert W. Frye II, formerly pastor of the Metlakatla, Alaska, Presbyterian Church, began duties as full-time Assistant Pastor-Christian Education.

November 8, 1970

Our Stewardship Commitment Sunday resulted in the largest non-Easter attendance to date: 494.

December 5, 1970

Session representatives participated in the founding of Calumet Community Congress. A year later membership was withdrawn because the Congress' work had not met Session's expectations.

Year end totals were 730 members and \$5,870 given to benevolences.

January, 1971

A Committee of Nine was formed to meet for 18 weeks to study and discuss the

Church School curriculum and how to use it. The Committee consisted of Mrs. Phillip Brainbridge, Mrs. Thomas Daily, Mrs. Buddy Golubiewski, John Hagerty, Daniel McCain, Mrs. William Pansing, Mrs. Jack Squibb, Sam Smith and Mr. Frye.

April 25 and May 2, 1971

The Senior Choir presented the Easter portion of Handel's "The Messiah".

June 16, 1971

An experimental summer worship style was inaugurated which provided participation in prayer and hymn selection, informal exchange of greetings, encouragement of shirt-sleeve attire, and special speaker and audio-visuals for sermons on various mission fields.

October 3, 1971

This month's worship services were entirely planned by a group of church members, resulting in creative worship experiences each Sunday.

November 28, 1971

The Rev. Robert Frye was installed as Associate Pastor.

December 12, 1971

The Senior Choir sang Peterson's Christmas Cantata "Night of Miracles".

December 24, 1971

The attendance at Christmas Eve services totalled 432, far outstripping plans. Year-end figures were 736 members and \$6,938 given to benevolences.

February 20, 1972

This day's worship was the first of eight Lenten services on the theme of "covenant" as planned by a group of church members.

March, 1972

The Afternoon Women's Circle sponsored an "Imaginary Beach Party" to raise more than \$500 toward the purchase of a large International Harvester rider mower.

April 12, 1972

The 42-voice youth choir from Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, presented a special concert, choir members being housed overnight by members of the congregation.

August 13, 1972

Rev. Frye co-sponsored a 270-mile bike hike through Wisconsin with sixteen participants in the five day trip, along with two families in cars.

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January 23, 1976  
Date

N O T I C E

This is to remind you that your Schererville Contractor's Registration will expire on 12/30/76. If you wish to renew your registration to work in Schererville, please fill out and return the enclosed application form to the Clerk-Treasurer together with your check in the amount of \$15.00.

All contractors must be registered by \_\_\_\_\_. Work will be stopped and permits will not be issued until registration is completed.

All plumbing contractors must furnish this office with the number of their 1976 State Certification before current Schererville Registration can be issued.

The Schererville Town Code requires a License Bond covering the calendar year for which a registration is issued. Our records show that your bond expires on Need Bond in effect till June 1976

The Status of your Insurance Coverage is as shown below. Please review this and furnish this office with any necessary certificates.

Your interest and co-operation in handling this matter promptly will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John W. Stahl

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TO ALL CONTRACTORS

SUBJECT: BOND REQUIREMENTS - REGISTRATION, TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Schererville has again reviewed the matter of the amount of Bond required in connection with Contractor's registrations with the Town. The coverage is \$5000.00 for all General Contractors.

Thank you for your co-operation.